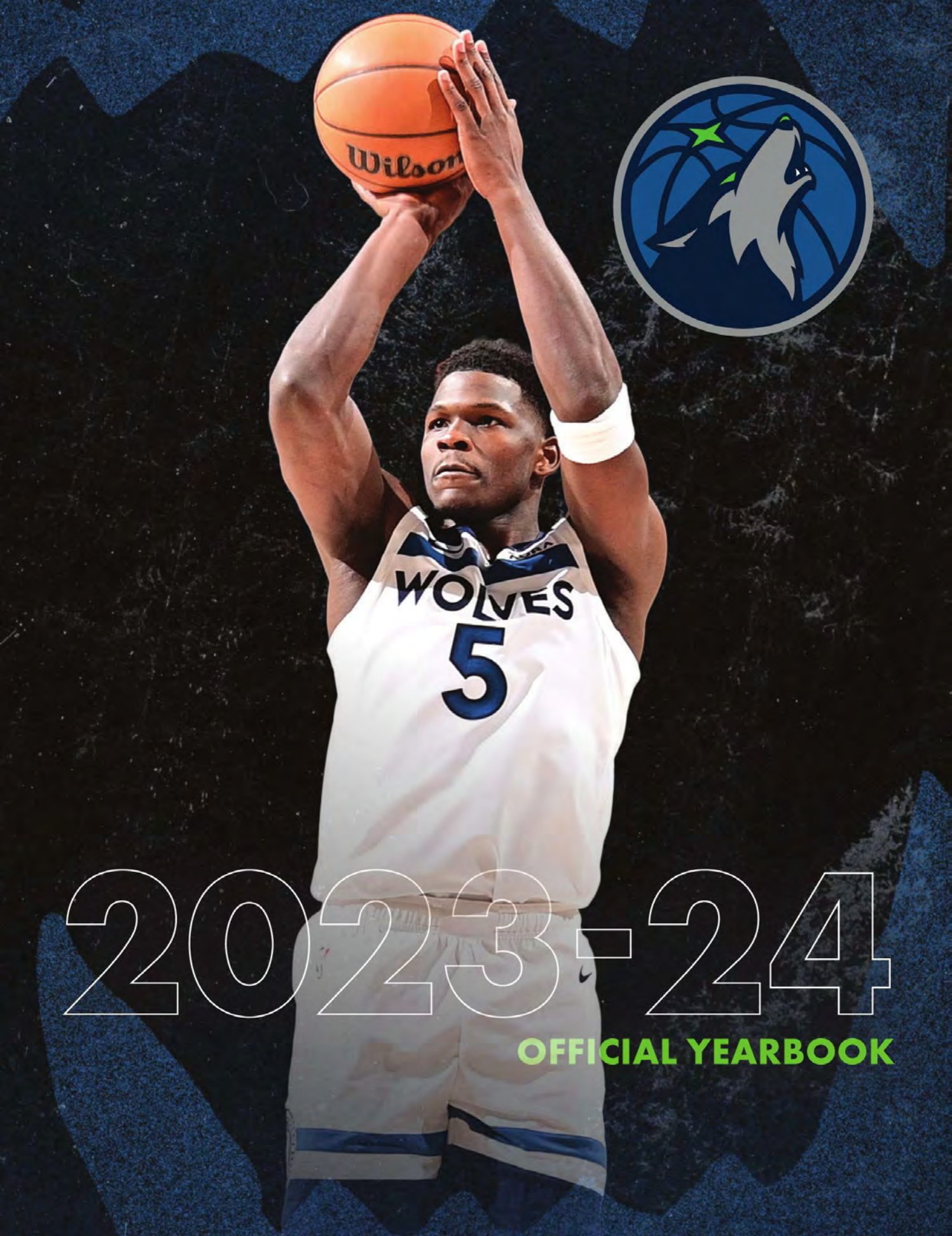

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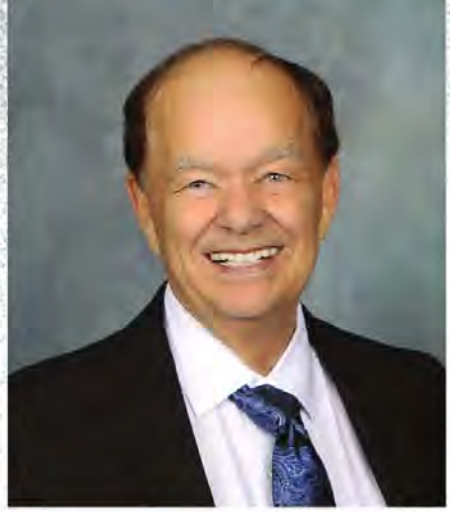

OWNER

GLEN TAYLOR

On March 23, 1995, Glen Taylor closed the deal that made him majority owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves. He added the title of NBA owner to a list that already included international businessman, state senator, entrepreneur, philanthropist and Executive of the Year.

Taylor is chairman of Mankato, Minn. based Taylor Corporation, a multinational conglomerate of marketing, communications and interactive solutions companies. As he earned his degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, he worked part time at Carlson Wedding Service, a print shop specializing in formal invitations. Following graduation he continued his career at the company, developing strategies to cut delivery time, improve service and expand offerings. Since purchasing the company in 1975, Taylor has grown the organization into one of the largest privately held companies in the United States, with more than 50 companies across the globe and over 13,000 employees. Under his vision and leadership, Taylor has emerged as one of the top three graphics communications companies in North America, providing services to more than half of the Fortune 500 companies and millions of small businesses and consumers around the world.

Taylor expanded his breadth of businesses in July of 2014 as he purchased the Star Tribune newspaper, Minnesota's largest news organization, so that once again it would be owned outright by a Minnesotan. Taylor is also an investor in Envoy Medical, an implantable hearing therapy company. As an avid sports fan, Taylor continues to spread his involvement locally and has ownership in Minnesota's Major League Soccer team, Minnesota United.

In April 2021, Taylor announced the sale of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx. He entered into negotiations with Marc Lore and Alex Rodriguez, agreeing to a historic deal that enables Lore and Rodriguez the option to take on additional equity over a four-year period, leading to controlling interest of the franchise in December 2023.

Taylor attended Harvard Graduate School of Business and earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is one of only three people to receive a Minnesota State University honorary doctorate degree.

Taylor's business savvy has been recognized by Corporate Report magazine, which honored him as its Executive of the Year (1987), and the Sales and Marketing Executives of Minneapolis/St. Paul, who awarded him with their Sales Executive of the Year Award (1999). He was also inducted into the Minnesota Hall of Fame (2002) by Twin Cities Monthly Magazine.

Taylor was elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1980, where he served until 1990. He became Assistant Senate Minority Leader in 1982. From 1984 to 1986, he served as Senate Minority Leader. While in the Senate, Mr. Taylor was instrumental in providing leadership in the areas of higher education, childcare and economic development policies.

In October of 2008, Taylor was named Chairman of the NBA's Board of Governors. He served as Chairman until late 2017.

Taylor and his wife, Becky, live in Mankato, Minn. Their children and grandchildren enjoy attending many of the Timberwolves and Lynx games.

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ETHAN CASSON
Chief Executive Officer

FRONT OFFICE

ETHAN CASSON

Ethan Casson is entering his eighth season as Chief Executive Officer for the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Minnesota Lynx, the Iowa Wolves, and T-Wolves Gaming. Casson also serves on the NBA Board of Governors as the Timberwolves Alternate Governor.

Casson oversees all business operations, working closely with ownership and the executive team on setting the organization's strategic vision. In February 2023 he was selected as one of Sports Business Journal's "ALL IN: Leaders in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." This past year, Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal named Casson a Most Admired CEO. He was recognized for his work in advancing social justice and equity in the community and the success the team achieved both on and off the court the previous year. This is the first time a professional sports executive has been recognized with this honor.

With the recent success of the Timberwolves on the court, Casson continues to look for ways to grow the franchise's fanbase and global popularity, working with the league to secure the Timberwolves as a participant in the NBA Abu Dhabi Games 2023 against the Dallas Mavericks. The Timberwolves previously participated in the NBA Global Games in China, playing against the Golden State Warriors in 2017.

In the spring of 2021, Casson spearheaded the negotiation and deal terms related to the sale of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx by Glen Taylor to Marc Lore and Alex Rodriguez. The deal enables Lore and Rodriguez the option to take on additional equity over a two-year period, leading to controlling interest of the franchise. The ownership transition is expected to be complete in the spring of 2024.

In the summer of 2020, as Minneapolis became the epicenter of the nation's social justice reckoning, Casson took immediate action by developing partnerships with RISE (Ross Initiative in Sports and Equity) and The Minneapolis Foundation. Additionally, ancillary programs were created such as Building Bridges Through Basketball, Pack the Vote, and Team Up for Change to begin the healing and rebuilding of the community. These efforts were recognized by the Sports Business Journal who named Casson among 79 other sports executives to its "People Who Influenced Sports Business" list in 2020.

Casson has continually explored ways to re-establish Target Center's presence in downtown Minneapolis. He oversaw a $150 million renovation, the first major facelift in the venue's 27-year history. The success of the project resulted in a nomination for the Sports Business Journal's 2018 Facility of the Year and was chosen as Minnesota's Finance & Commerce Top Project of 2017.

Since Casson's arrival, the Timberwolves have experienced consistent growth in all key metrics including season tickets, attendance, television viewership, corporate partnerships, and social engagement. The Minnesota Lynx remain one of the model franchises in the WNBA, having been named WNBA Franchise of the Year for the 2017 and 2018 seasons including being crowned WNBA Champions in 2017. Casson also partnered with the WNBA in bringing the 2018 WNBA All-Star Game to the Twin Cities. Additionally, the franchise purchased the NBA's G-League team from Des Moines, now the Iowa Wolves, expanding the organization's footprint throughout the Upper Midwest. Further, Casson led the efforts in securing an NBA 2K team, T-Wolves Gaming, and in the inaugural season, they won the 2019 NBA 2K Championship.

Prior to his current role, Casson spent six seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, serving as the team's Vice President of Corporate Sales, Chief Revenue Officer, and Chief Operating Officer. Casson led a team focused on generating corporate revenue associated with the 49ers' new stadium project. He spearheaded the organization's effort in securing a 20-year, $220 million naming rights partnership with Levi Strauss & Co., one of the largest naming rights deals in NFL history. Additionally, the team sold more than a dozen founding partnership deals, resulting in over $650 million in committed corporate revenue prior to the opening of Levi's Stadium.

Under Casson's direction, Levi's Stadium accomplished record-breaking growth in several areas of the 49ers business, inclusive of ticket and premium sales and corporate partnerships. In addition, Casson helped procure some of the most prominent events in sports and entertainment, including Super Bowl 50, WrestleMania 31, the NHL Outdoor Stadium Series, various music headliners and was awarded the host site for the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship. The success of Levi's Stadium resulted in several industry awards including the Sports Business Journal's 2015 Facility of the Year and Venue of the Year at the 2015 Stadium Business Awards in Barcelona, Spain. Leveraging technology with sustainability, Levi's Stadium generated international acclaim for its green efforts, becoming the first NFL stadium to be twice LEED Gold certified and was named the 2016 Green Sports Alliance Environmental Innovators of the Year. And finally, the 49er's commitment to the Bay Area community resulted in being named a three-time finalist for ESPN's Sports Humanitarian Team of the Year.

Prior to his tenure with the San Francisco 49ers, Casson worked at the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx in various roles including the Senior Vice President of Corporate Partnerships and at ESPN in sponsorship development.

He was named to Minnesota Magazine's 2018, 2019, and 2021 Minnesota 500, profiling the most influential business leaders in the state, and Twin Cities Business Journal's list of "100 People to Know" in 2017. Casson was honored as a member of the prestigious Sports Business Journal's Forty Under 40 class of 2014 and Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's Forty Under 40 class of 2009.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Timberwolves and Lynx Fastbreak Foundation, the Executive Board of Minnesota Sports and Events, the Board of Directors for YouthLink, the Advisory Board for Positive Coaching Alliance, and a member of the Minnesota Business Partnership. Casson also serves on the NBA's Team Advisory Committee.

Casson earned a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management from Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire. A former collegiate athlete, he was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Colby-Sawyer College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

Casson and his wife, Lisa, reside in Minneapolis with their son, Lucas.

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FRONT OFFICE

TIM CONNELLY
President of Basketball Operations

Tim Connelly enters his second season as Minnesota Timberwolves President of Basketball Operations after being hired on May 23, 2022. Connelly has complete oversight of all basketball operations decisions and staff.

Connelly immediately started crafting the Timberwolves roster and front office staff during his first offseason in the summer of 2022, highlighted by the blockbuster trade for Minnesota to land three-time Kia NBA Defensive Player of the Year (2018, 2019, 2021), center Rudy Gobert. Since his arrival, Connelly also brought in veteran pieces during free agency and the trade deadline including Kyle Anderson and Mike Conley. He additionally has secured the future of multiple young players with contract extensions of All-Star Anthony Edwards, Naz Reid and Nickeil Alexander-Walker.

Prior to joining the Timberwolves, Connelly spent nine seasons with the Denver Nuggets, including five as President of Basketball Operations. He previously served as General Manager and Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations after being hired to that role in July 2013. During his tenure in Denver, Connelly spearheaded finding talent throughout the draft, highlighted by the selection of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 NBA MVP and three-time All-Star Nikola Jokic with the 41st pick of the second round in 2014.

Connelly helped orchestrate the Nuggets ascension toward the top of the Western Conference, during his tenure, Denver captured two Northwest Division titles (2018-19, 2019-20), marking the first time since 2008-09 and 2009-10 that the franchise repeated as division champions and just the fifth time in division history there was a repeat winner.

Connelly spent three seasons with the New Orleans Pelicans as their assistant general manager before joining Denver. Prior to his time with New Orleans, Connelly spent 10 years with the Washington Wizards organization where he rose to director of player personnel. In Washington, his role included overseeing scouting, salary cap and database management, player evaluation responsibilities, as well as assisting the vice president of player personnel with all front office duties.

The Baltimore product began working for the Wizards as an intern in the basketball operations department in 1996, and after his graduation from DC's Catholic University in 1999, Connelly was named to the Wizards staff as assistant video coordinator. In 2000, Connelly became a full-time scout for Washington, and later assumed the head scouting role.

Connelly's service to the game of basketball has spanned the globe. In 2018, Connelly traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel and served as a coach as part of the NBA's "Basketball Without Borders" program. He also worked in Moscow, Russia in 2012 for the program and his first experience with "BWB" came in the summer of 2006 in South Africa. That same summer he was involved with the Seed Academy in Dakar, Senegal. He has served on the board of GEN Basketball Academy, a Sarajevo-based academy funded by NATO, and has assisted with their youth camps. Additionally, in the summer of 2007, Connelly visited Dublin, Ireland to help raise youth awareness of cultural diversity and integration through the sport of basketball, and to work with the Irish federation on future basketball-related initiatives. Connelly has also visited England with his brother Pat as part of their personal efforts to aid the globalization of basketball.

Connelly is one of seven children, four brothers and two sisters. Each of Connelly's four brothers -- Joe, Pat, Dan and Kevin -- played basketball at Towson Catholic.

Connelly and his wife Negah have been committed to being involved in the communities they live in, including an annual Mile-High Ping Pong Challenge which benefited local Denver community organizations.

SACHIN GUPTA
Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations

Sachin Gupta enters his fifth season as Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations.

Gupta's expertise guided the Wolves in completing a historic trade deadline in February 2020, when the franchise acquired All-Star guard D'Angelo Russell, guard Malik Beasley, forward Juancho Hernangomez, guard/forward Evan Turner, forward Jarred Vanderbilt, guard/forward Jacob Evans and forwards Omari Spellman and James Johnson.

Gupta spent the 2018-19 season as assistant general manager with the Detroit Pistons after spending the 2017-18 as an advisor to Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey. This marked Gupta's second stint with the Rockets organization. Prior to rejoining the Rockets, Gupta served as vice president of basketball operations for the Philadelphia 76ers from 2014-16, originally joining the team as a consultant in 2013 while finishing his MBA studies at Stanford's Graduate School of Business. During his tenure, Gupta played a key role in the club's dramatic overhaul, leading to the club's eventual return to contention.

A Boston-area native, Gupta began his NBA career with the Rockets in 2006 as Morey's first hire. He would build the foundation for the team's extensive analytics department which the Rockets would later become renowned for. In addition to his analytics responsibilities, Gupta also assisted in managing the team's salary cap during his six-year tenure in Houston.

Prior to joining the NBA ranks, Gupta spent two years at ESPN where he had a hand in fostering basketball's analytical movement, implementing advanced NBA metrics on ESPN.com before their use had become widespread across the league. While at ESPN, he also became well versed in the CBA when he developed the widely popular NBA Trade Machine.

Gupta earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from MIT.

MATT LLOYD
Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations

Matt Lloyd enters his second season as the Minnesota Timberwolves Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations. Lloyd joins the Timberwolves with more than 25 years of NBA experience.

Prior to joining Minnesota, he spent 10 seasons with the Orlando Magic including two as vice president of basketball operations. He also served as assistant general manager for the Magic after being hired on June 29, 2012.

Lloyd was responsible for overseeing the Magic's professional, college and international scouting departments, as well as assisting with roster management and development. He also served as interim general manager during the 2017 offseason.

Lloyd spent 13 seasons with the Chicago Bulls, his last five as the team's director of college scouting. As director of college scouting for Chicago, he oversaw the scouting and information compilation of prospects for the NBA Draft, along with statistical analysis of pro and amateur players. Lloyd implemented and maintained a database which organized scouting information.

Lloyd began with the Bulls in 1994 as a game-day and special projects employee in the video room. He joined the team full-time in 1999 and was the team's media services coordinator for four seasons. Lloyd then joined the basketball operations department in 2003, and served as senior manager of basketball operations/scout for four seasons.

In addition, Lloyd also worked as a game-day employee with the Chicago White Sox in their video department for five years.

Prior to joining the Bulls full-time, Lloyd spent one year (1998-99) as the assistant director of information services for Conference USA, and a year-and-a-half (1997-98) as director of media services for the Arena Football League. He also completed an internship at ESPN during his senior year of college.

Lloyd is married to his wife, Cortney.

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FRONT OFFICE

DELL DEMPS
Vice President of Basketball Operations

Dell Demps enters his second season as Vice President of Basketball Operations for the Minnesota Timberwolves. Prior to joining the Timberwolves, he spent two seasons as an assistant coach with the Utah Jazz.

Demps has had an extensive career in the NBA both as a player and as a front office executive, having spent nine seasons with the New Orleans Pelicans as Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations and General Manager.

Prior to that, Demps was with the San Antonio Spurs for five seasons, including three years as the General Manager of the Spurs' NBA G League affiliate, the Austin Toros. He joined the Spurs at the start of the 2005-06 season as Director of Pro Player Personnel and was promoted to Vice President of Basketball Operations in 2010. With the Spurs, Demps won an NBA Championship (2007). In each of the five seasons that he was with San Antonio, the team won at least 50 games. Prior to joining the Spurs, Demps worked for the New York Knicks from 2003-05 as a scout and was later promoted to the Director of Pro Player Personnel. Demps also spent two seasons as an assistant coach with the Mobile Revelers in the NBA Development League from 2001-03, helping the Revelers capture the 2003 league championship.

Demps attended the University of the Pacific where he was a four-year starter on their basketball team, earning All-Conference honors three times. As a senior, he averaged 19.0 points and 5.8 rebounds and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. While playing professionally, each summer he returned to Pacific and completed his Master's in Business Administration in 1998.

Demps is a Pacific Athletics Hall of Fame member who had his #5 jersey retired in 2019 and was selected to WCC Hall of Honor in 2020.

As a player, Demps had a ten-year professional basketball career that spanned the globe. He played for three seasons in the NBA with Golden State Warriors, San Antonio Spurs and the Orlando Magic. In addition, he played professionally in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), Philippines, France, Greece, Turkey, Croatia and Venezuela.

STEVE SENIOR
Assistant General Manager

Steve Senior enters his second season as Assistant General Manager for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Senior spent the last four seasons with the Memphis Grizzlies, where he initially joined as the Director of Video Operations and Player Development Assistant (2018-19) under former Timberwolves Assistant Coach J.B. Bickerstaff. He then transitioned to a role as the Grizzlies Pro Personnel Scout for three seasons.

Prior to joining Memphis, Senior served as the New York Knicks Assistant Video Coordinator starting in 2012. During his time with the Knicks, he added player development to his title, where he went on to spend six seasons as the team's Player Development and Assistant Video Coordinator. Senior's responsibilities had an emphasis on developing on-court skill and creating player performance reports to monitor progress. Senior acted as Wolves Assistant Coach Pablo Prigioni's player development coach during Prigioni's time as a guard for the Knicks.

Senior received his start in the NBA when he served as Assistant Video Coordinator for the Houston Rockets in 2011, where he experienced working with Timberwolves Head Coach Chris Finch and Gupta.

Senior, a native of the Bronx, NY, raised in New Jersey, graduated from Kean University with a degree in Business Management.

EMMANUEL ROHAN
Assistant General Manager

Emmanuel Rohan completed his 13th season with the Timberwolves and third as Assistant General Manager. Prior to his promotion, Rohan was Director of Basketball Administration since 2016 where he handled matters relating to the salary cap and team administration.

Rohan began his Timberwolves career as a basketball operations intern in 2010 and was a basketball operations assistant for two seasons (2011-13). He was promoted to manager of basketball administration prior to the 2013-14 season.

Prior to joining the Timberwolves, Rohan was a legal assistant at the Australian Government Solicitor for two years and was a teaching/graduate assistant at the department of Sport Management at UMass Amherst in 2009-10.

The Brisbane, Australia native graduated with a Bachelor of Laws/Commerce degree from the TC Beirne School of Law – University of Queensland and received a Master's in Sport Management degree from UMass Amherst.

JON WALLACE
Director of Player Personnel/Iowa Wolves General Manager

Jon Wallace enters his second season as Director of Player Personnel and Iowa Wolves General Manager.

Wallace joins the Timberwolves after spending three seasons with the Denver Nuggets, most recently as Scouting Coordinator. He was originally hired as a Basketball Operations Associate in 2019 by the Nuggets. Before his front office NBA experience, Wallace completed a professional playing career that took him from the then NBA Developmental League to Germany and Belgium. He played for the Rio Grande Valley Vipers in 2008 where he won a championship.

Prior to his time in the NBA, Wallace was hired in 2016 as Special Assistant to the Head Coach/Head Manager at his alma mater, Georgetown. He spent three seasons on Patrick Ewing's coaching staff for the Hoyas. As a player, Wallace, an All-BIG EAST guard, started every game of his career (136) for Georgetown and was part of four teams that went to the postseason, including three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances. He helped lead the Hoyas to back-to-back BIG EAST Regular Season titles (2006-07, 2007-08) and a BIG EAST Tournament Championship (2006-07).

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CHRIS FINCH
Head Coach

HEAD COACH

CHRIS FINCH

Chris Finch was named Head Coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves on February 22, 2021, becoming the team's 16th Head Coach. On April 11, 2022, the Timberwolves announced a multi-year contract extension for Finch along with his coaching staff.

His 104 total wins over the last three seasons rank second in team history and his .507 winning percentage ranks second behind Flip Saunders' mark of .521. After the Timberwolves' 99-96 win over the Golden State Warriors on Mar. 26, Finch recorded his 100th career win, joining Saunders as the only two coaches in Wolves history with 100 or more victories.

During the 2022-23 season, Finch led the Timberwolves to a 42-40 record, eclipsing 40 wins on the season in back-to-back seasons (46 in 2021-22) for the first time since the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons. After defeating the Oklahoma City Thunder on Apr. 14 in the final NBA Play-In Tournament game, the Wolves clinched a spot in the NBA Playoffs for the second consecutive season. This marks the first time clinching back-to-back playoff appearances since a string of eight straight from 1997-2004. The team's second place finish in the Northwest Division is the highest since winning the division in 2003-04. With the team's 151-131 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Apr. 8, the Timberwolves clinched a .500 or better record this for the third time since 2004-05. The has now done so in back-to-back seasons (.561 in 2021-22) for the first time since the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons. After the team's 29 wins against Western Conference foes this season and 32 such wins last season, Minnesota has won 25+ games against the West in back-to-back years for the first time since 2003-04 and 2004-05. The 11 wins in January of 2023 were the most by a Wolves team in the month of January since winning 12 games in January of 2004.

During the 2021-22 season, Finch led the Timberwolves to a 46-36 record, the seventh-best record in club history, including a trip to the Playoffs for just the second time in the last 18 years. He helped guide the Wolves to a 26-15 record at Target Center and a 32-20 record against the Western Conference, the second time since 2004-05 with 30+ wins against the West. With the 136-130 victory over the Denver Nuggets on April 1, the Wolves finished the season 12-4 against Northwest Division foes, the most division wins by the team since the division was formed in 2004 and just the third time since 2004 winning 10+ division games. Additionally, Minnesota finished the season winning 10 straight games against Northwest division opponents, the most since 2004. The team finished the 2021-22 campaign with 20 road wins for the first time since the 2004-05 season and just the fifth time winning 20+ road games.

Finch took the helm mid-season in the 2020-2021 season, leading the Timberwolves to win half of their last 22 games, finishing 16-25 overall. After the All-Star break, Finch was able to unlock another level of talent in young players such as 2020-21 NBA All-Rookie First Team honoree Anthony Edwards, as well as Jaden McDaniels. Under Finch's guidance, Edwards was named the Western Conference Rookie of the Month three times last season (March, April and May), becoming the third player in Wolves history to earn the honor multiple times (Karl-Anthony Towns in 2015-16 and Andrew Wiggins in 2014-15).

Since arriving in Minnesota, Finch has jumped into helping the Twin Cities community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Second Harvest Heartland where he assists the organization, playing a critical role in helping Second Harvest Heartland fulfill its mission of ending hunger.

Finch has over 25 years of NBA and G League experience, serving most recently as an assistant coach under Nick Nurse and the Toronto Raptors this season. Prior to that, he made coaching stops with the New Orleans Pelicans as associate head coach from 2017-20, the Denver Nuggets as an assistant coach from 2016-17 and the Houston Rockets as an assistant coach from 2011-16. Finch was named the head coach of the Rio Grande Valley Vipers, the Rocket's G League affiliate in 2009. He led the Vipers to back-to-back G League Finals appearances, compiling a 67-33 (.670) record in his two seasons. After leading Rio Grande Valley to the 2010 G League Championship, Finch received the Dennis Johnson Trophy as the league's best head coach.

The Reading, Pennsylvania native played overseas in the British Basketball League (BBL) for the Sheffield Sharks from 1993-97 before coaching the same team from 1997-2003. Finch was named the BBL Coach of the Year in 1998-99. He continued to coach overseas for 12 years including in Germany and Belgium.

Finch also served as the head coach of Great Britain's National Team from 2006-13, where he led the national team in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. He also led them to a European Championship berth in 2009 and 2011, the team's first appearances since 1981.

A Franklin & Marshall College graduate in 1992, Finch was as a two-time All-American, and was inducted into the F&M Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. He started the final 115 games of his collegiate career and compiled a 102-13 record (.887), which stood as the most career wins as a starter in NCAA Division III history.

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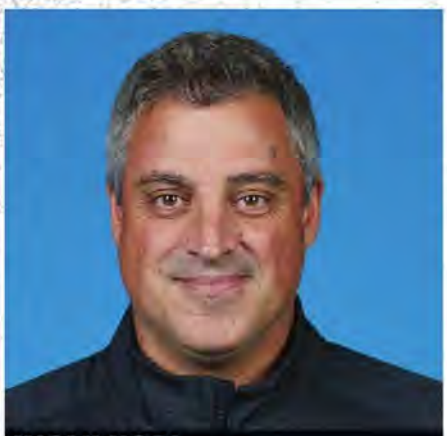
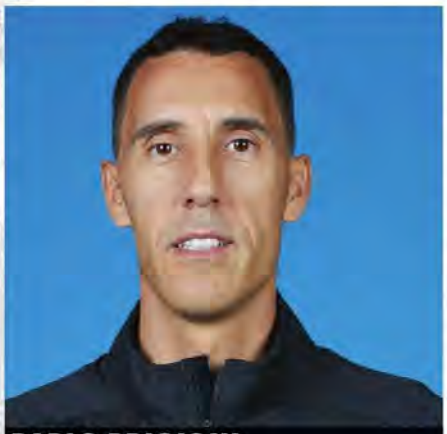


MICAH NORI
Assistant Coach

Micah Nori enters his second season as Assistant Coach with the Timberwolves.

Nori joined Minnesota after spending three seasons as an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons. Prior to his time in Detroit, he spent three seasons with the Denver Nuggets. A 23-year veteran of the NBA, Nori also spent two seasons as an assistant coach with the Sacramento Kings. He entered the NBA in 1998, spending 15 seasons with the Toronto Raptors organization including four years as an assistant coach. Before being named assistant coach, Nori held roles of director of NBA scouting, an advance scout and an assistant to the coaching staff with the Raptors.

The Middleton, Ohio native was a four-year starter and captain of Indiana's 1996 Big Ten Championship baseball team. He also holds a master's degree in Sports Organization from Miami (OH) University.



PABLO PRIGIONI
Assistant Coach

Pablo Prigioni finished his third season as Assistant Coach with the Timberwolves after been hired on June 25, 2019. Prigioni became head coach of Argentina's National Team on Sept. 1, 2022, where he led the team to a Gold Medal at the 2022 FIBA AmeriCup.

He was head coach of the Timberwolves team during the 2019 NBA Summer League in Las Vegas, leading Minnesota to the championship game.

Prior to joining the Wolves, Prigioni spent the 2018-19 season with the Brooklyn Nets as an assistant coach. He joined the Nets following the conclusion of a more than 20-year playing career. The Argentina native spent the majority of his career in Spain, where he led Baskonia to three Spanish King's Cup titles, four Spanish Supercup titles and a Spanish League championship. He was a two-time All-EuroLeague selection.

In 2012, Prigioni became the NBA's oldest rookie, when at age 35, he embarked on a four-year NBA stint which included stops with the New York Knicks, Houston Rockets and Los Angeles Clippers. He averaged 3.5 points and 2.8 assists in 270 career NBA games.

As a member of the Argentinian national team, Prigioni won a bronze medal in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and finished fourth in the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Prigioni and his wife, Raquel, have two children: daughter, Alessandra and son, Nicolas.

ELSTON TURNER
Assistant Coach

Elston Turner enters his second season as Assistant Coach with the Timberwolves.

Turner came-to Minnesota with more than two decades of NBA coaching experience, including his last two seasons as an assistant coach with the Houston Rockets as well as a prior four-year stint with the organization from 2007-11. Turner's coaching career includes stops in Sacramento, Memphis and Portland.

The Tennessee native was selected 43rd overall in the 1981 NBA Draft and appeared in over 500 games across eight seasons. Turner played professionally for Dallas, Denver and Chicago throughout his NBA career.

Turner hails from the University of Mississippi, where he led Ole Miss to its first ever NCAA Tournament in his senior year.

KEVIN HANSON
Assistant Coach

Kevin Hanson enters his fourth season as Assistant Coach with the Timberwolves. Prior to joining the Wolves, Hanson spent eight seasons with the New Orleans Pelicans, the last five as assistant coach, where he was instrumental in the development of Anthony Davis.

Hanson joined the Pelicans in 2012 as the team's player development coach before being elevated to assistant coach. In 2018, he served as New Orleans' summer league head coach. He joined the San Antonio Spurs in the summer of 2008 as an assistant video coordinator and was named the Spurs' player development assistant in the summer of 2010. Hanson played four seasons at the University of San Diego and after college spent five seasons playing professionally overseas in Argentina and Germany.

Born and raised in Huntington Beach, Calif., Hanson led Ocean View High School to a CIF Championship. He played four seasons at University of San Diego, earning a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in sociology. After college, Hanson spent five seasons playing professionally overseas in Argentina and Germany.

CORLISS WILLIAMSON
Assistant Coach

Corliss Williamson enters his first season as Assistant Coach with the Timberwolves.

Williamson joins the Wolves after previous coaching stops with the Sacramento Kings (2013-16), Orlando Magic (2016-18) and Phoenix Suns (2018-19).

Prior to his coaching career, Williamson enjoyed a 12-year NBA playing career from 1995-2007 that featured stops with Detroit, Philadelphia and Sacramento, highlighted by being a member of the 2004 Pistons Championship team. Regarded as one of the best role players during his career, "Big Nasty" was named 2001-02 NBA Sixth Man of the Year. In 822 career games (293 starts), he averaged 11.2 points on 49.0% shooting and 3.9 rebounds. From 1995-96 through 2006-07, no player in the NBA totaled more bench points (5,192) than Williamson.

Prior to coaching in the NBA, the Russellville, Ark. native served as an assistant coach for Arkansas Baptist College from 2007-2009 before being named the school's head coach in 2009. Williamson also served as the head coach at the University of Central Arkansas from 2010-2013.

SPORTS MEDICINE

DR. SHELDON BURNS, M.D.
Vice President of Team Medical Services

Dr. Sheldon Burns enters his 34th season as the Timberwolves' medical director, and his 15th as Vice President, Team Medical Services. A physician at Edina Family Physicians, Allina, Dr. Burns has been a Board Certified Specialist in Family Practice, Emergency Medicine and Sports Medicine. His duties with the Timberwolves include serving as team physician, coordinating medical care and assisting in other club medical matters. Burns is one of two team members that have been with the team since the inaugural season.

For his work with numerous NBA teams, Dr. Burns was named the National Basketball Trainers Association 2005 NBA Physician of the Year. Burns was most recently awarded the 2019 Jerry "Hawk" Rhea Award for Outstanding NFL Team Physician. He has served in various capacities in seven Olympic Games. He has headed up the medical staff of the United States Team in World University Games and been a Deputy Medical Commissioner in three Olympic Games. He has enjoyed having the special opportunity with USA Basketball to serve as the team physician for many WNBA/NBA players/coaches in World/ Olympic tournaments. Additionally, he has served as tournament physician for the Minnesota State High School League.

Dr. Burns is active in teaching sports medicine at Allina, Institute For Athletic Medicine, Tria, Twin City Orthopedics, and the University of Minnesota. He has lectured in four continents. In 2014 he was recognized as the Minnesota Family Physician of the Year and marked the 100th consecutive year his grandfather, aunt, and he have been family physicians to Minnesotans.

A native of Grand Meadow, Minn., he spends summers in Nisswa, Minn. Dr. Burns received his undergraduate degree from Hamline University and earned his medical degree in 1974 from the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Burns and Sharon reside in Edina, and together they have four daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. They enjoy traveling to see their grandchildren, greatgrandchild and friends around the world.

GREGG FARNAM
Vice President of Player Health/Head Athletic Trainer

Gregg Farnam wrapped up his 27th season with the Timberwolves and 24th as Head Athletic Trainer after being named to that position in September of 2000. In addition to his head athletic trainer duties, Farnam was named Director of Medical Services in 2015 and promoted to Vice President of Player Health in 2017.

Farnam is responsible for all aspects of the Wolves' training room operations, including monitoring each player's physical condition and assessing/treating injuries.

Farnam began working as an Athletic Trainer with USA Basketball in 2001 for the gold-medal-winning United States men's basketball team at the Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Australia. He has worked with the United States Men's U19 team that won a silver medal at the 2007 FIBA World Championships in Nova Sad, Serbia and the Team USA that won gold in the 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup. Farnam was a part of Team USA as they won their third consecutive gold medal at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics. He has also worked with the U.S. Select Team in 2010 and 2012, as well as the National Team Mini Camp in Las Vegas during the summers of 2013 and 2015. Additionally, he provided medical coverage for the women's volleyball team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., in July 2003.

Farnam has also traveled to New Delhi (2008) and Singapore (2010) as the Athletic Trainer for the NBA's Basketball Without Borders (BWB) Asia. BWB is designed to work with local players to promote the game and encourage positive social change in the areas of education, health and wellness, with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

Farnam is a past chairman of the National Basketball Athletic Trainers Association (NBATA) and has also served on the NBATA Executive Committee as Secretary and Western Conference Head Athletic Trainer Representative. He is a certified member of the National Trainers Association, the National Strength and Conditioning Association and the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

A native of Pine River, MN, Farnam originally became interested in athletic training while pursuing his bachelor's degree in physical education from St. Cloud State University. He furthered his education with a master's degree in exercise science and health promotions from California University of Pennsylvania.

JAVAIR GILLETT
Vice President of Sports Science and Performance

Javair Gillett enters his fourth season as Vice President of Sports Science and Player Performance. He came to the Timberwolves with more than 20 years of experience in the industry, most recently serving as the Director of Athletic Performance for the Houston Rockets (2014-2020). Gillett also spent 10 years with the Detroit Tigers as the club's Head Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Gillett has a M.S. in Human Movement from A.T. Still University and completed his bachelor's degree at DePauw University majoring in Health and Human Performance with an emphasis in Exercise Science.

Prior to joining the Tigers, he gained experience in the field working with the Orlando Magic during the 2002-03 NBA season, Indiana University (2001), and The Pennsylvania State University (2000). He also lettered four seasons with DePauw University's baseball team and was given All-Conference honors two of those four years as well as All-American Honorable Mention his final season.

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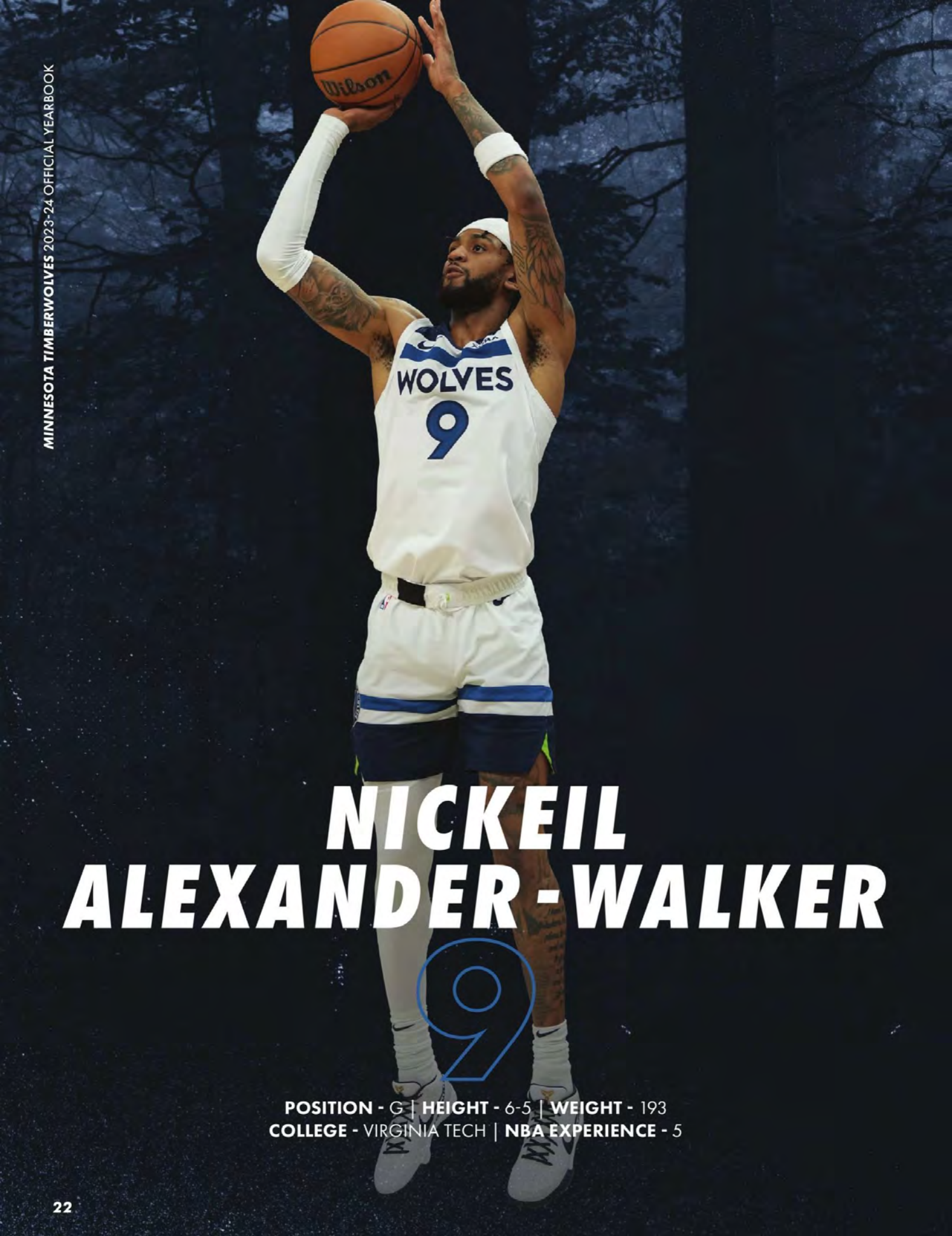

NICKEIL ALEXANDER-WALKER

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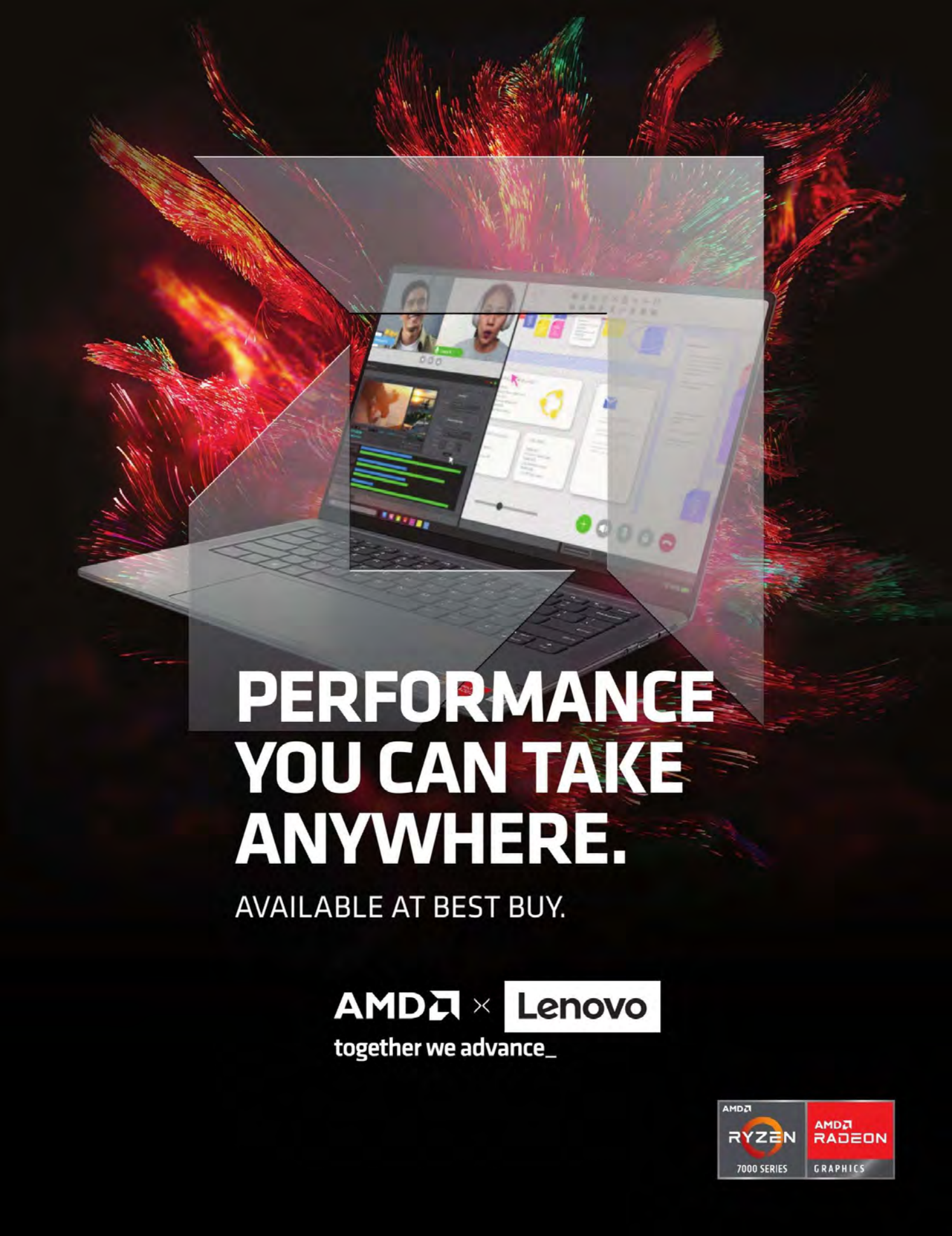
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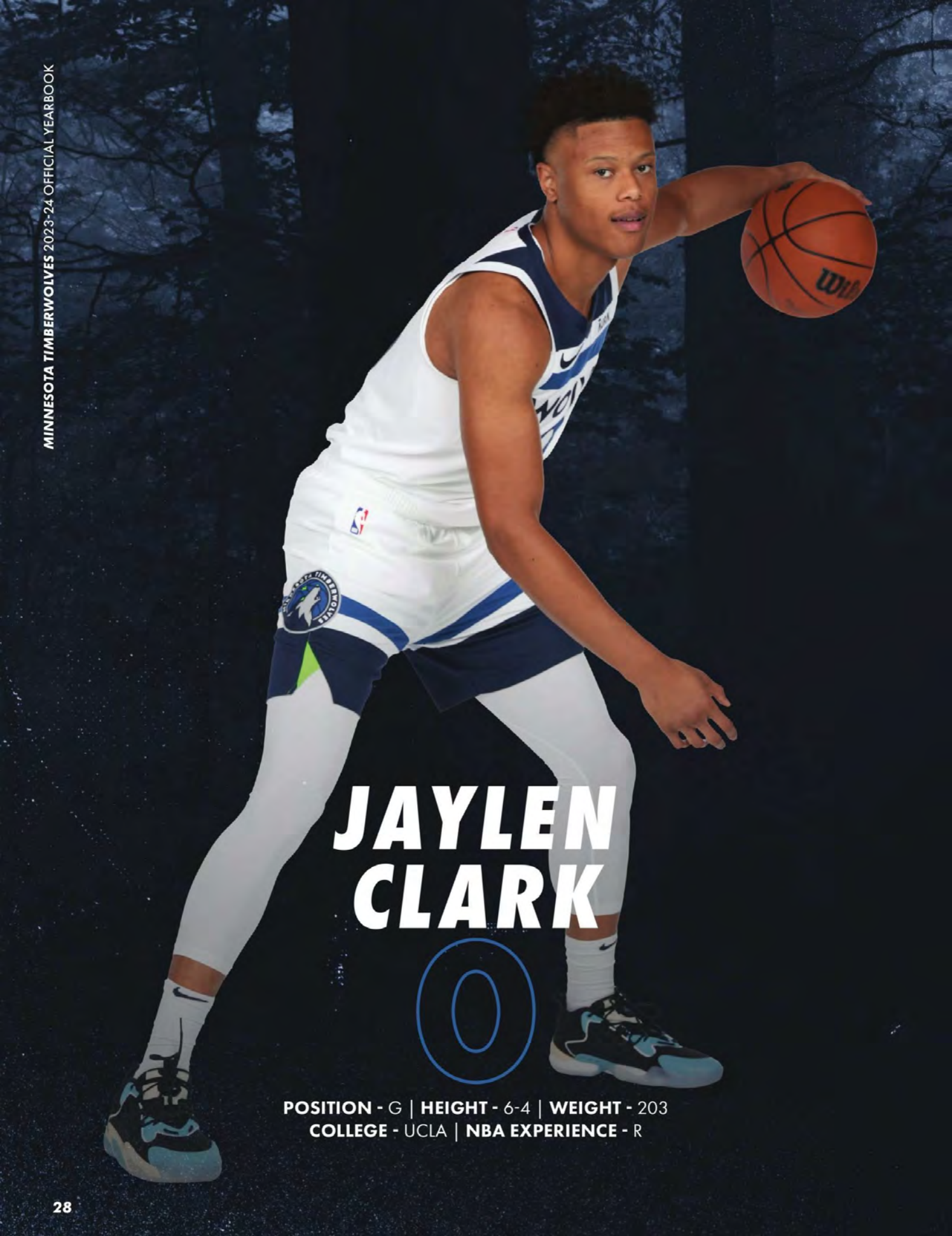

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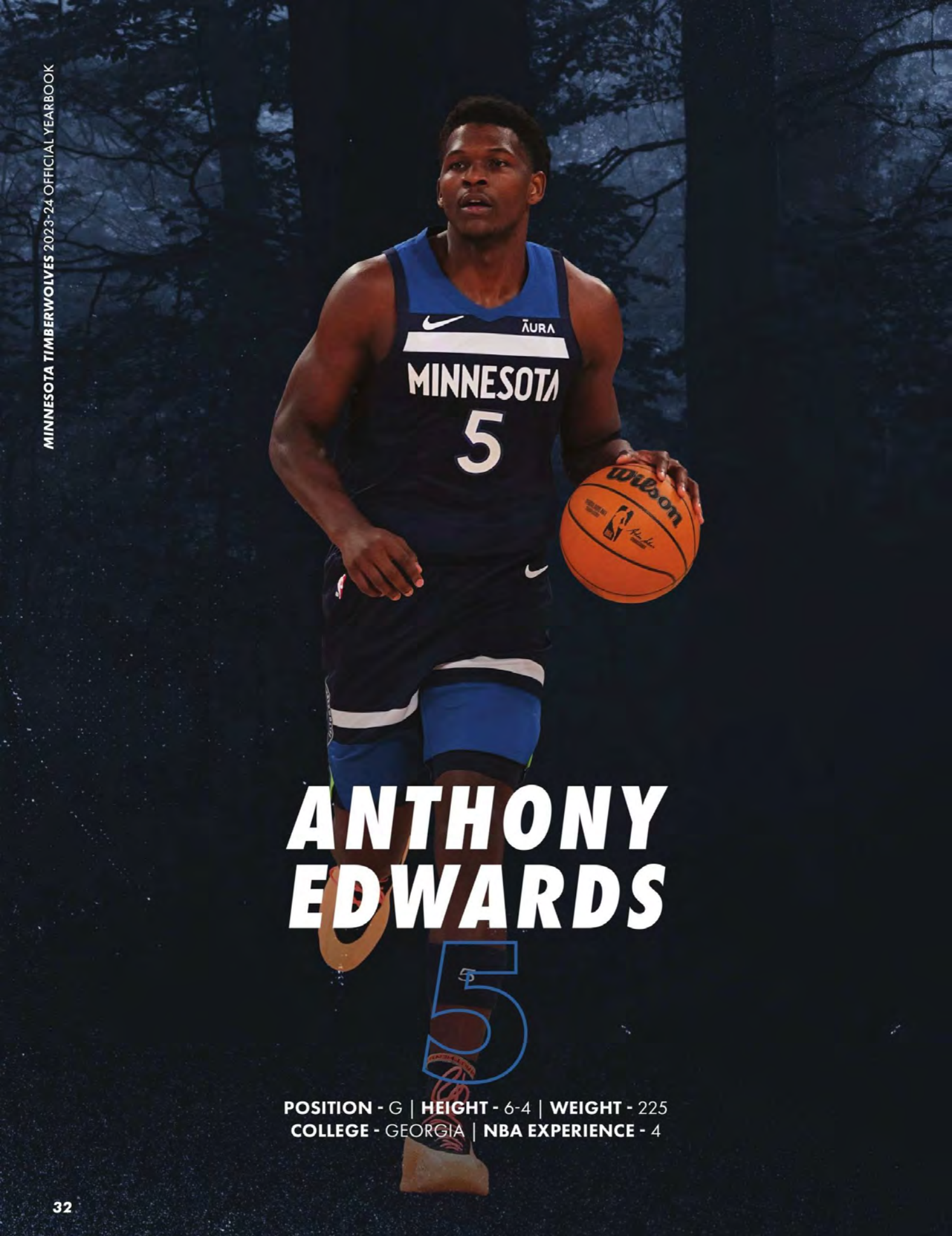

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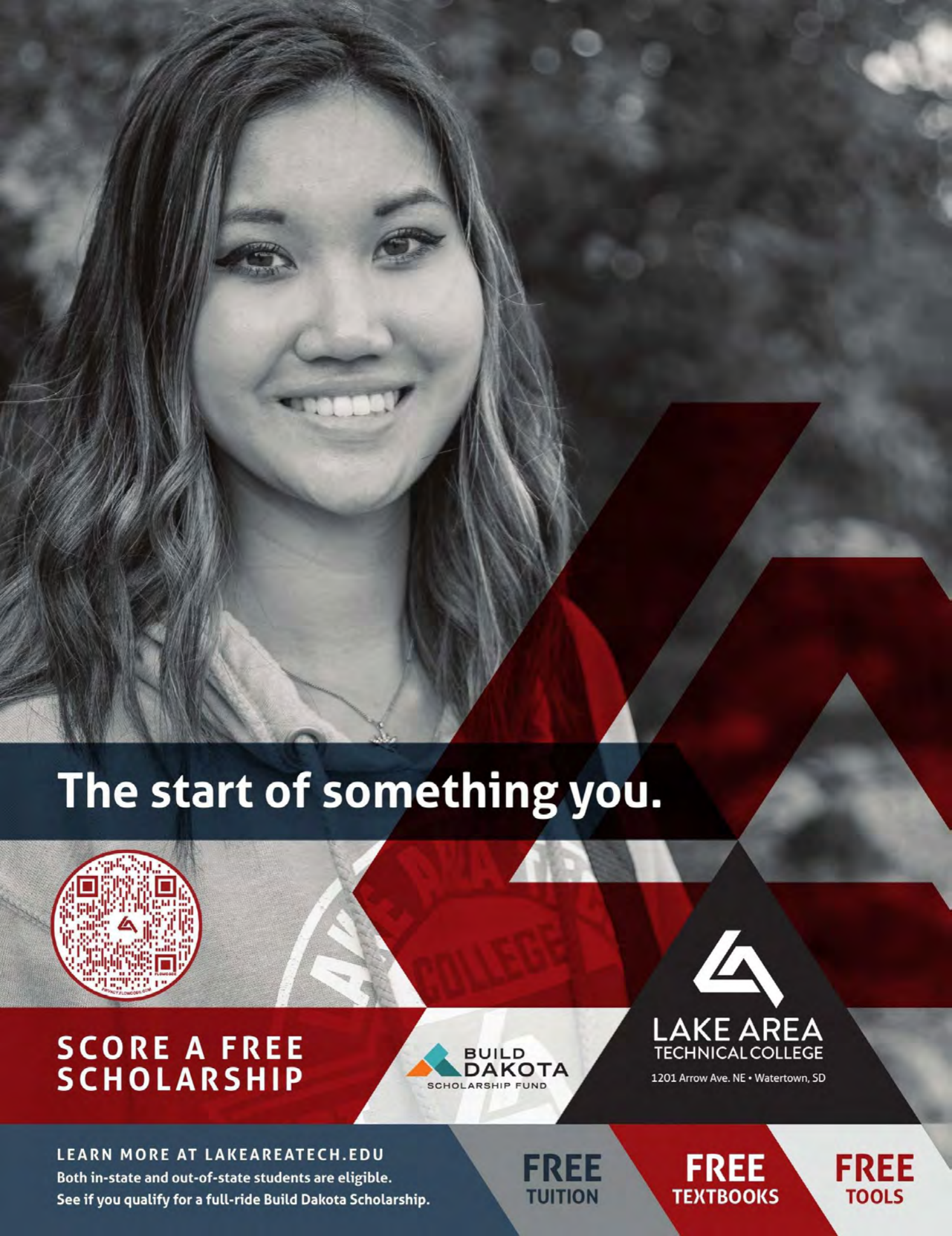

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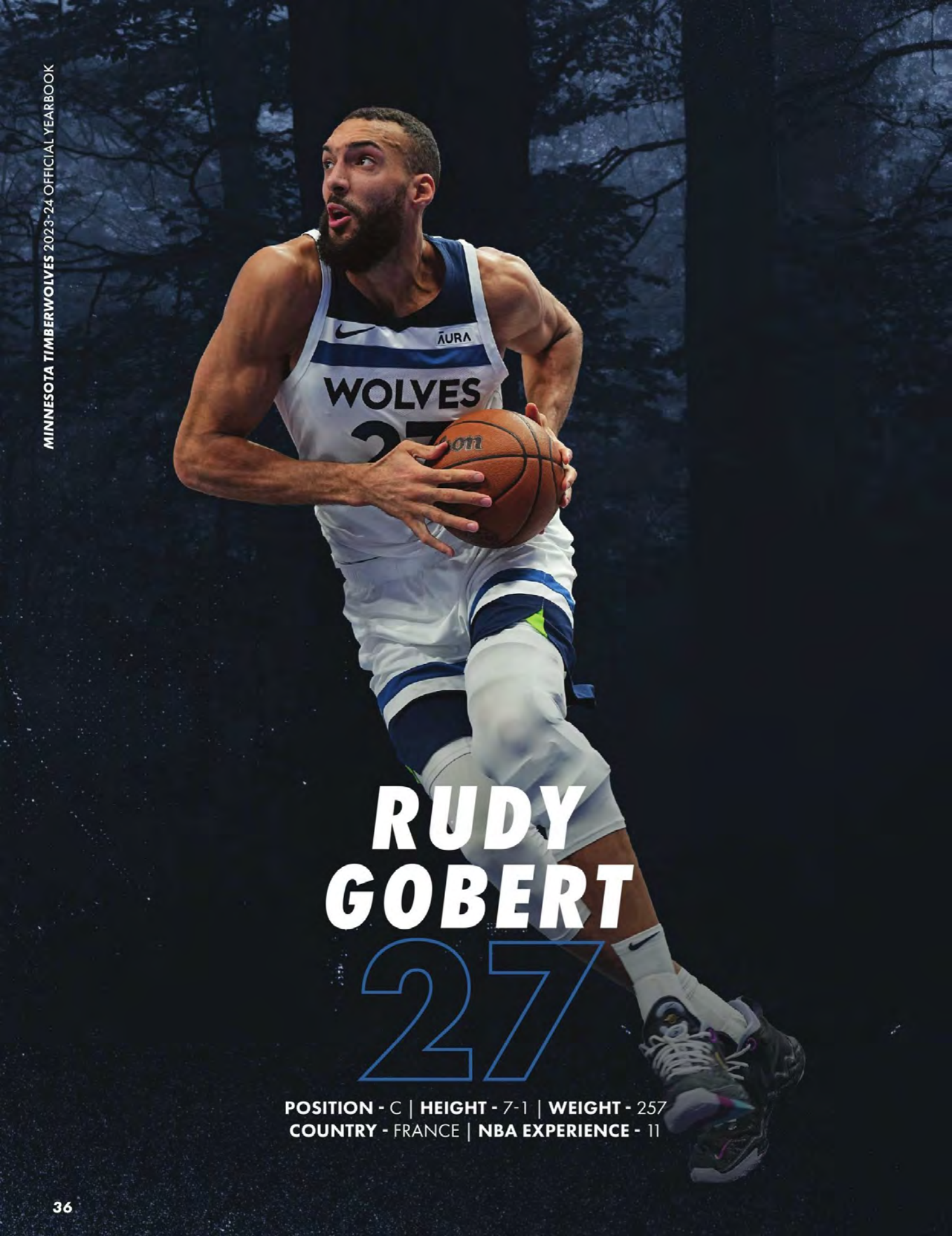

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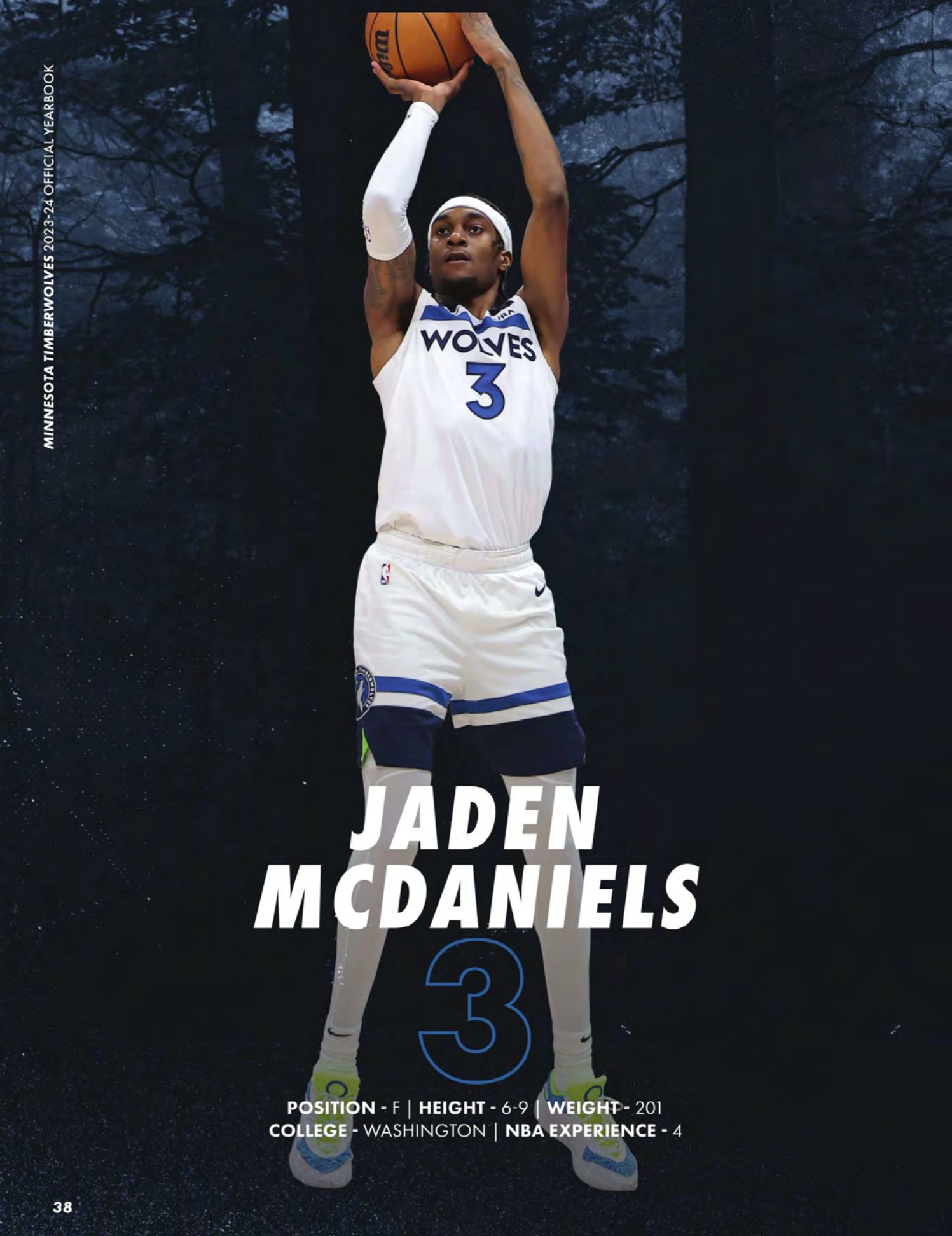

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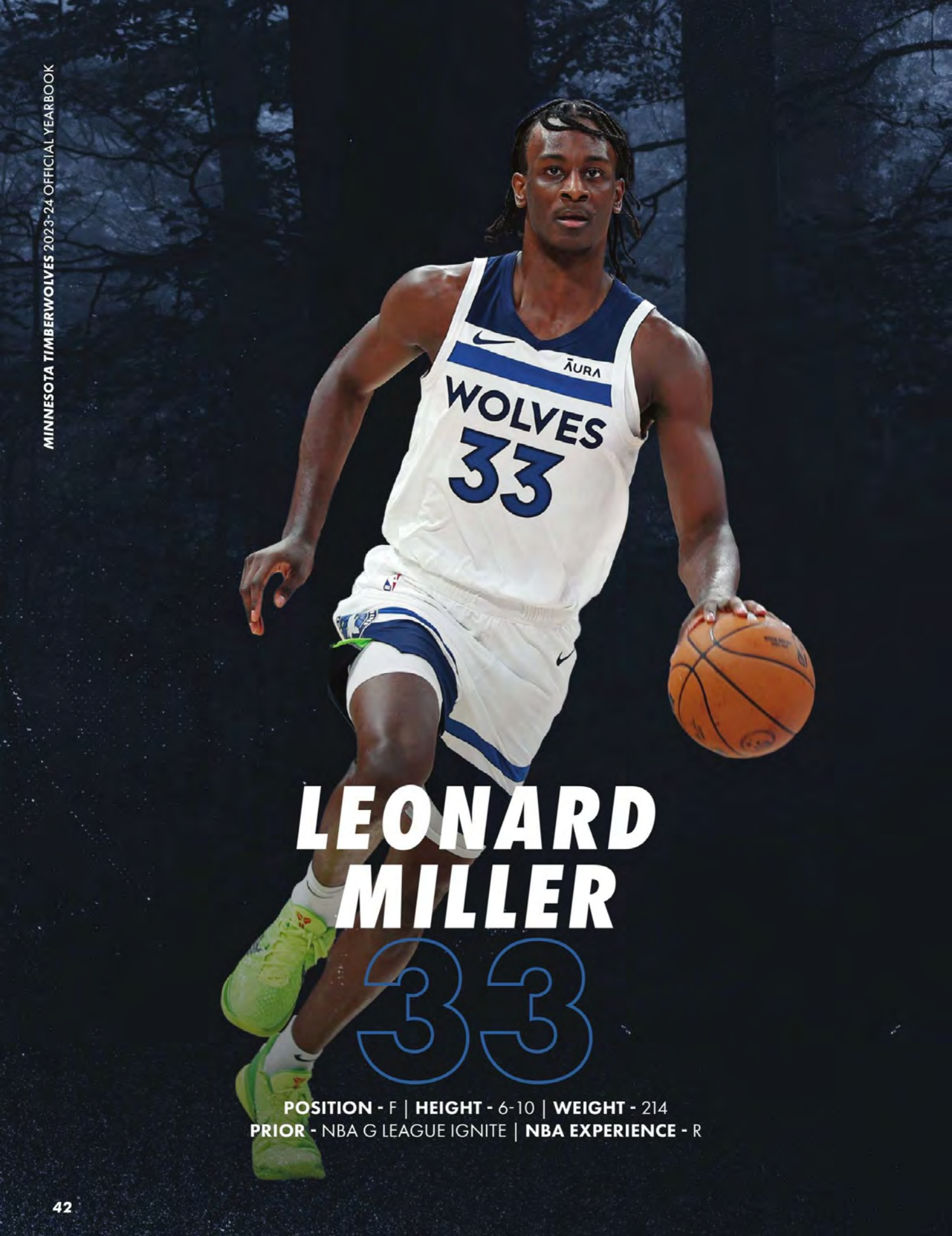

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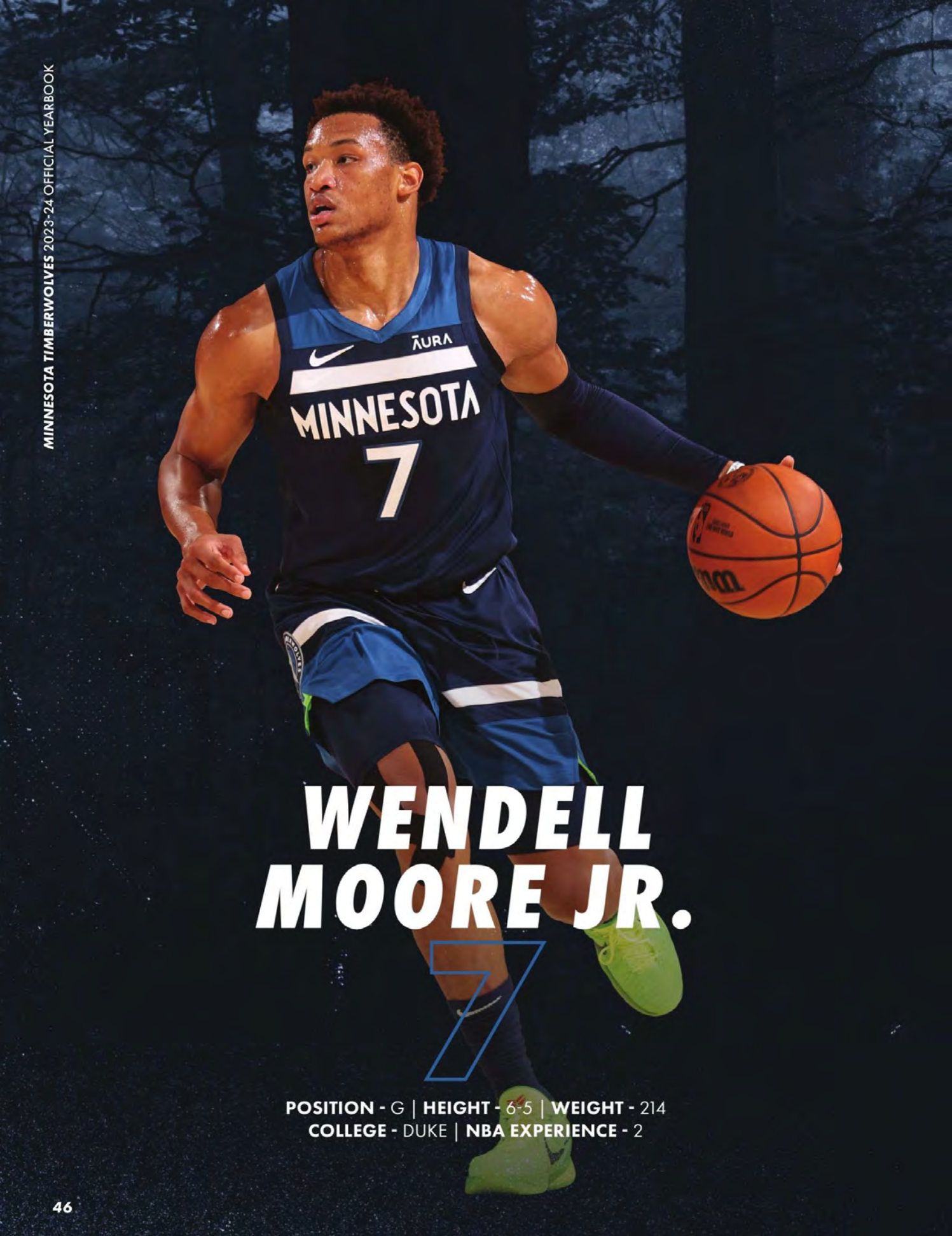

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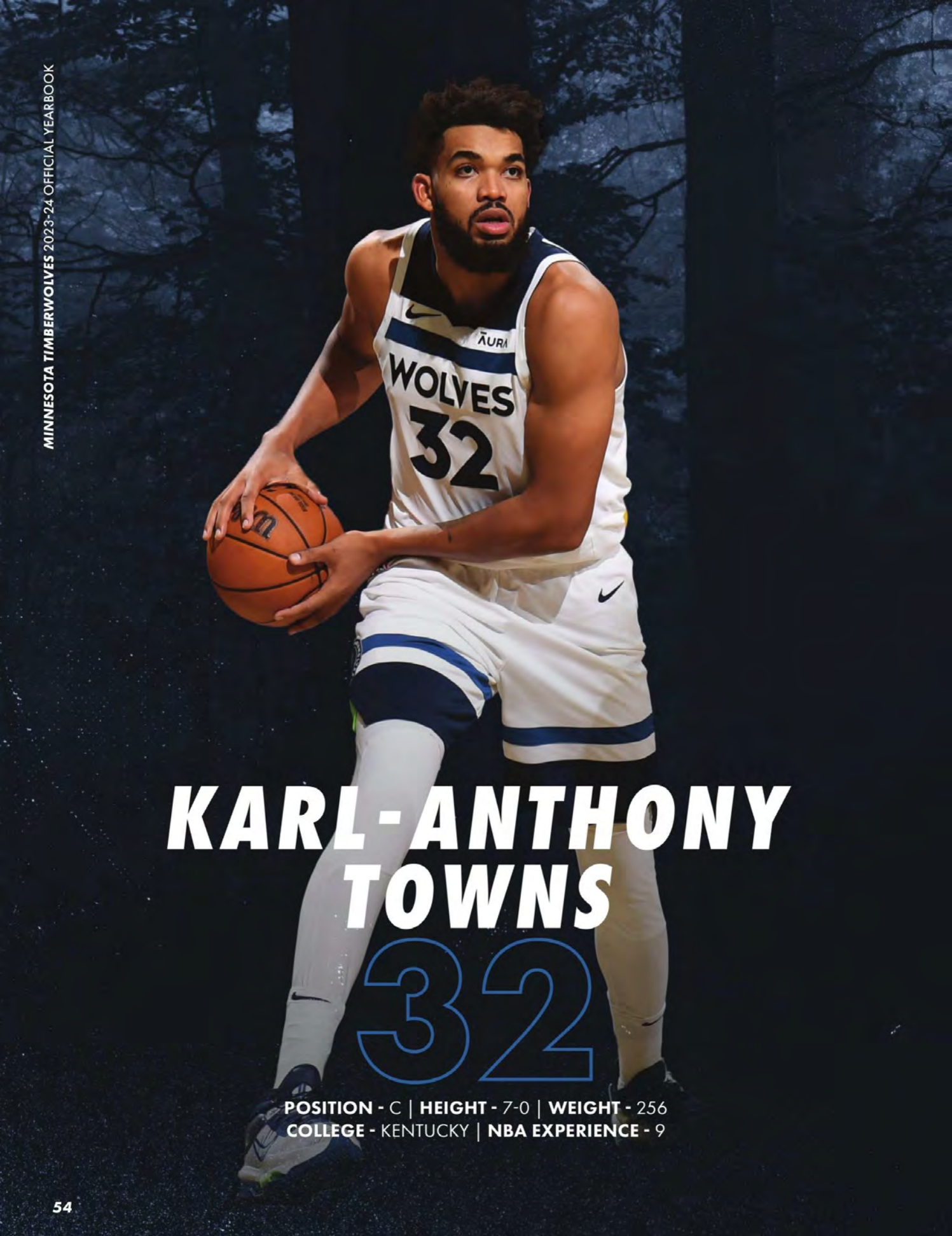

KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS

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ALL SIGNS

After a year of tremendous growth, a summer of showcasing his otherworldly abilities and a full commitment from the franchise, Anthony Edwards is ready to ascend from his already lofty perch.

By Michael Bradley

It's hard to imagine anyone having a better summer than Anthony Edwards did.

After a season in which he earned his first berth in the NBA All-Star Game, the explosive Timberwolves guard signed a five-year contract extension with Minnesota. He continued his development into one of the world's top basketball forces by leading the Team USA in scoring during the FIBA World Cup. And he debuted the AE1, his new basketball shoe with adidas.

But none of that was the high point of Edwards' offseason.

"The highlight of my offseason probably was the mural," Edwards says. "I think that was more important than anything."

"The mural" refers to the outdoor painting unveiled in September in Edwards' hometown of Atlanta. It depicts him, his mother and his grandmother, both of whom died when Edwards was 14 years old. The mural was a surprise, as was the declaration, made by city councilman Matt Westmoreland, that August 5 – Edwards' birthday – would be "Anthony Edwards Day" in Atlanta.

If you were to say Edwards is on quite a winning streak, you would be absolutely correct. Last year, he posted per-game career highs in the following: points (24.6), rebounds (5.8) and assists (4.4). Although the Timberwolves dropped their first-round playoff series to Denver, Edwards was practically unstoppable, dropping 31.6 ppg against the eventual-champs.

"His work ethic has been insane this offseason," Minnesota President of Basketball Operations Tim Connelly said in September on the "Jon Krawczynski Show" podcast. "I mean, the guy's in the best shape of his life. He's so excited to take the next step, excited with the guys on this team and what they can do as they grow together. But I think with him, anything that's not sincere or not kind of true to who he is, I think he smells it out quickly. So him forging his path, I think is the challenge that we've given him. And how can we help ensure he's doing it in a way that's reflective of who he is?"

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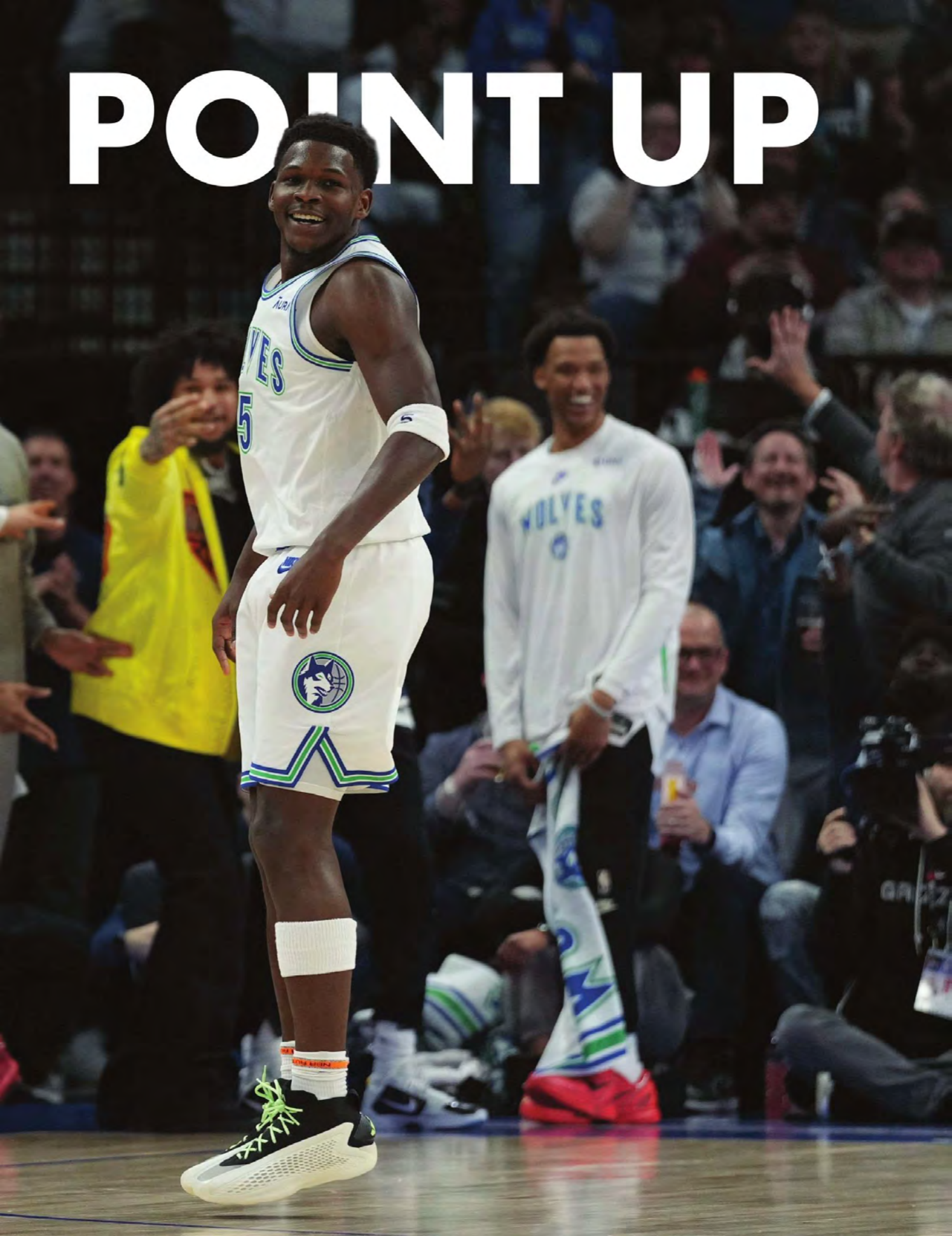

"He's just a great guy. He loves the city, he loves the organization. He and (coach Chris Finch) have a special bond. He's a positive teammate, which in this day and age is not always the rule. Sometimes it's the exception. He's an uplifter of this entire team, and we couldn't be more lucky to have him. I think he's primed to have a monster year."—Tim Connelly

Edwards has played just three years in the NBA, and he is only 22 years old. But on a team that includes three-time All-Stars Karl-Anthony Towns and Rudy Gobert, he has become the driving force and the focal point. As the Timberwolves continue to build into a contender, the former top overall pick is developing into one of the NBA's top young stars.

"He's just a great guy," Connelly said on the podcast. "And the people around him are great. He loves the city, he loves the organization. He and (coach Chris Finch) have a special bond. He's a positive teammate, which in this day and age is not always the rule. Sometimes it's the exception. He's an uplifter of this entire team, and we couldn't be more lucky to have him. I think he's primed to have a monster year."

In just three seasons, Edwards has become a force on the Timberwolves but also throughout the League. He is now among the vanguard of young NBA stars, and his performance for the World Cup team, which did not include many of the more established players in the League, was a great announcement of his arrival. This was the perfect opportunity for Edwards to take a step forward among those who will make up the NBA's top group in coming years, and he was ready for it.

His next challenge is to help the Wolves to win their first playoff series in 20 years. When Minnesota reached the 2004 Western Conference Finals, Kevin Garnett, Sam Cassell and Latrell Sprewell were the key contributors on Flip Saunders' team. Now, it's Edwards, Towns and Gobert leading the way, and if all can stay healthy, big things should lie ahead for them. Fans are most interested to see how Edwards and Towns

work together in pick-and-roll situations during a complete season. Towns missed all but 29 games last year, due largely to a calf sprain. Having him for a whole season will be huge for Minnesota – and for Edwards.

"I think [our development] got cut short when KAT got hurt, and I think [people] have seen a little glimpse of it when we were playing when KAT got back," Edwards says. "But it was just hard for him to find his rhythm. I think this year, he's going to be a monster, for sure."

The same can be said about Edwards. He has improved his long-range

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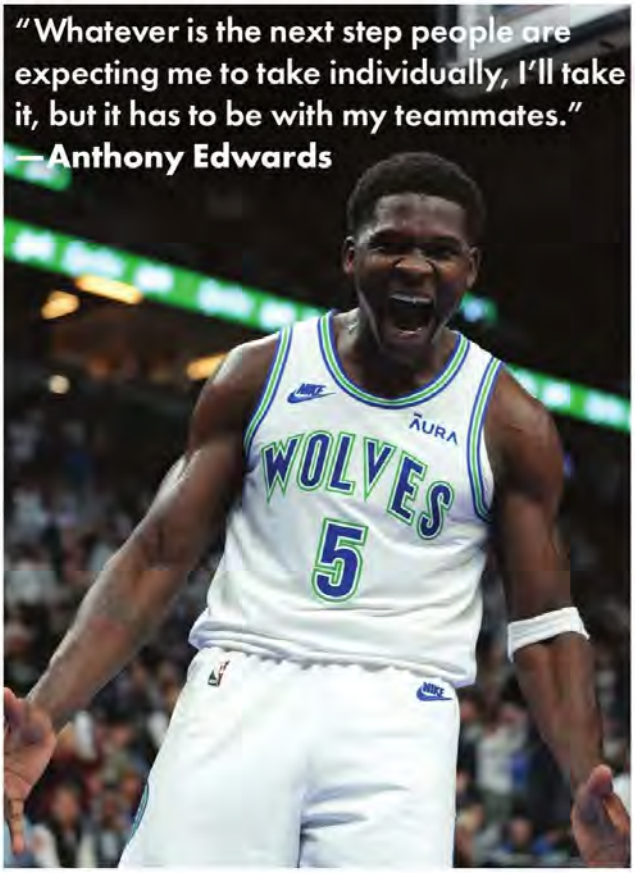

shooting each of his three years in the League. He is a legitimate threat to go for 30 any night, and he has the potential to average nearly that many points every game. If he can become more adept at drawing fouls, he will become even more productive.

It adds up to a tremendous batch of potential for Edwards and the Timberwolves.

"He's got a special quality we talked about," Finch said in The Athletic. "He's not afraid of those moments at this point in time. You can see what they're made of. They can shy away from them. He certainly doesn't."

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The first time Edwards learned that was during his predraft workouts. Many considered him the de facto first overall pick, after he averaged 19.1 ppg during his freshman season at Georgia and flashed so much raw talent and potential that NBA teams were practically consulting holy men and shamans in the hopes of winning the lottery.

There were those who considered the 2020 Draft to be somewhat lacking in star power. Not Edwards. He knew he was going to be a huge asset for the Timberwolves. And he knew some of those chosen with him would be pretty special, too. This past July, he offered an updated assessment of the group.

"They was saying we was going to be a bust draft class, but from the looks of things, we pretty good," he said during an interview with ClutchPoints. "I'm thinking we're one of the best draft classes for a while."

Edwards is certainly doing his part. And he understands he must do even more to continue his role as the leader of that 2020 crop. When asked by NBA Insider Shams Charania what people could expect from him now that he has a contract extension and is considered one of the NBA's top young stars and that he will be wearing the No. 5 – which was his in high school and college – Edwards was emphatic.

"A whole different player," he said. "A lot of athleticism, a lot more dunks, a different level of play because I've got my number on my back now."

So, what will it take for Edwards to become a full-on NBA star, one capable of leading his team to big success in the postseason? Finch has some ideas. Last year, Edwards had to be more aggressive and able to head downhill against defenses that drop down toward the basket on pick-and-rolls, especially those with Towns. By reading that and being more aggressive, Edwards became a more dangerous scorer.

This season, Finch wants him to be a simpler finisher, the better to attract the attention of referees. By trying to be acrobatic when he gets near the basket, Edwards makes it harder to get the foul calls that lead to easy points, especially for someone who is a career 77 percent free-throw shooter. Finch says Edwards gets to the rim like few others in the NBA but finishes at a level not commensurate with how often he gets close.

It's one of the small things Finch and Connelly want to see Edwards improve on. The great ones have spectacular tendencies, but they are also expert at the small, largely-unseen technical skills that turn 25 points a night into 30. Mastering those can get players to the foul line more often and help them find open teammates when defenses surround them. It may be tedious for fans to hear, but it's often the polish on a superstar's resume.

"There's integrating parts of his game, kind of the boring parts of his

games that we're going to have to start to develop," Connelly said after last season. "It can be a bit monotonous, but that's part of the next step."

The best part of it, from the Timberwolves' perspective, is that Edwards wants to do it. He wants to work. He wants to win. He wants to be great. That doesn't always happen.

"He's fantastic, both as a kid and as a player," Connelly said. "We're lucky to have him, and it would be a failure on my part and organizationally where we don't see that kid continue to progress and to be one of the top players in the league, and he's already scratching the surface of doing so."

As Edwards works to make his game more complete and therefore more lethal, he has no doubts about his goals or what the Timberwolves must do to win a playoff series (or two) and climb the hierarchy within the Western Conference. Health, of course, is a significant factor, as the team found out last year as Towns sat out. But Minnesota can't move forward unless Edwards does, too. The World Cup served as a great preview of what may come next. Now, it's time to do it with his NBA mates.

"I'm going to need my teammates to do it," he says. "I can't do anything without my teammates. As long as we go out there as a group of five – whoever's on the court – and we come together, we win. And I do what I do individually, whatever is the next step people are expecting me to take individually, I'll take it, but it has to be with my teammates."

The symbolism of his decision this season to wear the No. 5, which he wore throughout high school and at Georgia, instead of one, is interesting. Sure, it's "his number," but it can also be read as a nod to the collective, rather than the individual. Edwards is on the rise, but he cannot reach his highest level alone.

"I think it should be super fun to see how we start to jell together," he says.

Once that happens, Edwards might even forget about his great summer.

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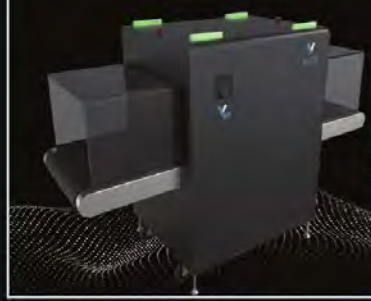

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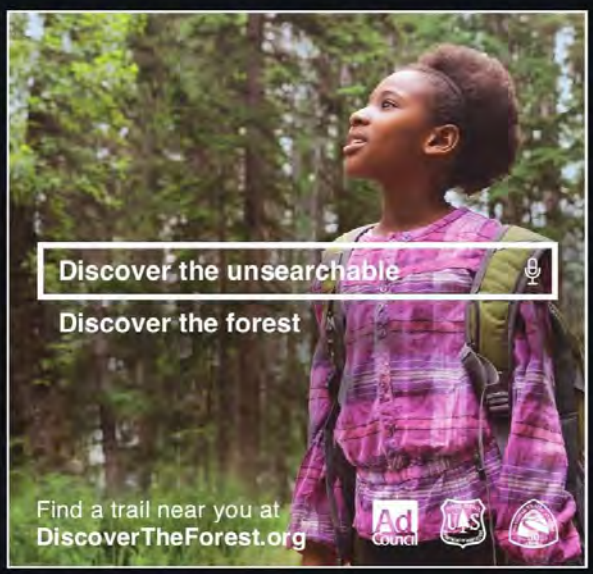

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Naz Reid and Jaden McDaniels might be less-heralded players on the Timberwolves' roster, but they hold the keys to the team's success.

By Pete Croatto

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Anthony Edwards returns with a new contract after showing out in the FIBA Basketball World Cup, his superstardom all but assured. After missing most of the 2022-23 season, veteran all-star Karl-Anthony Towns, a daily double-double lock with a feathery outside touch, looks to improve his on-court rapport with mountainous center Rudy Gobert, three-time NBA defensive player of the year.

Yes, things look first-rate for the Timberwolves, and that includes its supporting cast.

Two important members are forward Jaden McDaniels and reserve center Naz Reid. Their versatility and youth can jumpstart a Wolves squad that looks loaded to make more than one lengthy playoff run. In fact, Reid believes the young team can eventually be as good as the defending champion Denver Nuggets, who ended the Wolves' 2023 postseason in the first round.

"Everyone says the league's trending smaller, but when you have skilled, big players—that's really where the league I think is headed. [Naz Reid] is a classic example of what a modern big looks like." —Chris Finch

The 4-1 series loss came without McDaniels and Reid; both players suffered season-ending injuries in April.

This year, Reid's mindset this year is "win, win, win." And now healthy, the hustling, do-it-all gamers are essential to the team's long-term success.

McDaniels believes he can be a star in this league, and he's not alone. "Jaden is the most important person on the team, for sure, because he has the most potential," Edwards said. "I think the world knows we wouldn't be the Minnesota Timberwolves without Jaden McDaniels. So, yeah, I'm looking forward to him having a phenomenal season."

Reid, a fan favorite, has surpassed all expectations since going undrafted out of LSU in 2019. "His maturation both as a player and as a person—we couldn't be more fortunate," said Timberwolves president of basketball operations Tim Connelly. "The best basketball is in front of him, and I think he's just scratching the surface of who he is going to be as a player."

These developments should delight Wolves fans and have other teams deeply concerned.

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One of the Wolves' key offseason moves was re-signing Reid, 24, to a contract extension in late June. "I didn't want to go anywhere else and continue my journey," he said at the press conference announcing his deal. Last season's leg was memorable. In a little over 18 minutes of playing time per game, even after falling out of the rotation early in the season, Reid averaged a career-high 11.5 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

"I'm going to go out there and do what I do best," Reid said. "Play hard-nosed basketball, winning basketball."

That description downplays Reid's skills, especially after starting his career in the G League and quickly becoming a potential candidate for the NBA's sixth man of the year award. According to ESPN Stats and Information, in a 312-minute stretch after the All-Star break, Reid scored 242 points, a clip bested only by eventual NBA MVP Joel Embiid. Like the all-world Philadelphia Sixers center, Reid is comfortable down low or behind the three-point line, where he shot nearly 35 percent last season. On twos, he shot 65.3 percent, a substantial difference from his 46.6 percentage during his rookie season in Minnesota.

During the 11 games he started, playing 26.1 minutes a night, he averaged 16.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 1.4 steals and 1.0 blocks. Per 36 minutes, the numbers are downright gaudy: 22.5 points, 9.6 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.2 steals

"Reid is one of the NBA's most versatile offensive centers," Jackson Frank, then with SportsNation, wrote last summer. "He can roll or pop off of screens, facilitate dribble handoffs, create as a face-up scorer or driver, and pilot fast breaks as the conductor."

That game also comes with a sterling, team-first attitude. Reid's teammates love him. Connelly said. "I can't tell you how many times during this process his teammates were calling, 'Let's get Naz done. Let's get Naz done.'...You can't control makes and misses or wins and losses, but I think you can control the type of people you have in the building. As good as he is as a player, he's a better guy."

Reid adapted to Gobert, changing his role as required throughout the season, whether it be his effective play coming off the bench or simply providing an infusion of energy, head coach Chris Finch said. What emerged as the season progressed, Finch said, was Reid's ability to play alongside anyone on the Timberwolves' roster.

"His skill opens up so much lineup flexibility with our team, whether he backs up at the 4, backs up at the 5," Finch said. He even teased playing Gobert, Towns, and Reid together. "There's so much skill there," he said. "Everyone says the league's trending smaller, but when you have skilled, big players—that's really where the league, I think is headed. He's a classic example of what a modern big looks like."

Connelly and Finch also lauded Reid's ability as a 6-9 playmaker who can thrive in space. "I think it's something we can tease him out

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of him even more and more now that he's got his contract—he can pass instead of shoot," Finch quipped .

Finch probably won't have to try too hard. "I get better each and every time I step on the court," Reid said. "I'm dedicated to the game of basketball."

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Jaden McDaniels' reputation is growing faster than he is.

The 23-year-old's stock isn't surging because of Edwards' endorsement. ("I wish he could be my agent," McDaniels joked at media day .) "One of the guys that are ultra-talented, that isn't probably on everybody's radar, is Jaden McDaniels in Minnesota," Los Angeles Clippers star Paul George said on his podcast in March. "He got game. Great defender: good feet, quick hands ."

"He is an absolute nightmare on defense," said veteran point guard Austin Rivers, who played with McDaniels last season. "I've seen him take the most dominant players in the NBA totally out of their game—too many of them. They call him Jaden 'Seatbelt' McDaniels ."

In a conversation last March with NBA insider Shams Charania, McDaniels said he deserved to make the 2022-23 NBA All-Defensive team. "If I'm not—I don't know who does the votes—they must be crazy," he added .

McDaniels was not selected to the first or second team, an omission that vexed Rivers. "First off, he's a top two or three defender in the NBA, for perimeter. It's not even up for debate," he said on his podcast, Off Guard, in May. "Anybody who knows basketball, who watches basketball, would say the same exact thing. I'm not even saying this because he's my teammate. Jaden McDaniels is literally one of the best defenders in the NBA ."

After a year with Gobert, McDaniels feels more emboldened on defense, a troubling development for any poor soul who has the ball in their hands . (For good measure, Finch believes McDaniels is the team's best rim protector outside of Gobert .) Rivers said McDaniels overwhelms opponents at the one through four spots with his height and condor-like wingspan . "One night I may have to guard Giannis (Antetokounmpo)," he told Charania. "The next day I may have to guard Trae Young ." McDaniels frequently shackles the game's best scorers. In his 2023 matchups, Luka Dončić barely cracked 40 percent against McDaniels; Kawhi Leonard fared slightly better at 41.2 percent .

All this happened before his growth spurt. McDaniels was listed last year at 6-9. Over the summer, The Athletic's Jon Krawczynski shared on X, formerly known as Twitter, that he heard McDaniels actually was "measuring at 6'11" in his latest workouts ," rumors the player confirmed on media day.

He had a bit of help. "I had the 'fro, for sure," McDaniels admitted. "I'm probably 6-10 and a half. It's 11 almost."

McDaniels is also a legitimate asset on offense. In 79 games, all starts, he averaged 12.1 points per game, shooting nearly 40 percent on 269 three-point shots for a stunning 51.7 percent overall.

"I'm so tall, I feel like a lot of shots I can get to, they won't be contested that much," he said during media day. He has worked on ball handling and creating his own shot to complement the outside shooting. McDaniels, Krawczynski wrote, is "one of the best cutters on the team, using his ability to read the offense within the flow of the game to create easy buckets for himself and open things up for teammates."

That versatility allows Towns and Gobert not to stray from their comfort zones. "I learned that I could fit in pretty well just finding different ways in the offense, different parts in the offense, where I could impact scoring or even assist in being a playmaker," McDaniels said .

"I feel like I can be a (number) one or two guy on an NBA team," he added. "Me, having that confidence, I feel like I can out score 25 points every night if I wanted to ." If that sounds like Edwards' territory, it's with good reason. "Ant can do anything that he wants to on the court at any time" McDaniels said. "That's something I want to get to ."

If that happens, McDaniels will become an aspirational model for younger players. He may already have reached that spot. "I'm my own player," McDaniels said. "I always say that ."

Having McDaniels and Reid in the lineup alongside the Timberwolves core of Edwards, Towns and Gobert could prove Minnesota as a force to be reckoned with around the league, especially in the postseason where having a deeper lineup has proven to be effective. The Timberwolves missed both Reid and McDaniels' unique presences against Denver in the opening round of the playoffs, and many believe the outcome could've been different if Minnesota had the two young role players in the lineup. With sites set high on this season, the Timberwolves look forward to having Reid and McDaniels as key parts of the franchise for years to come.

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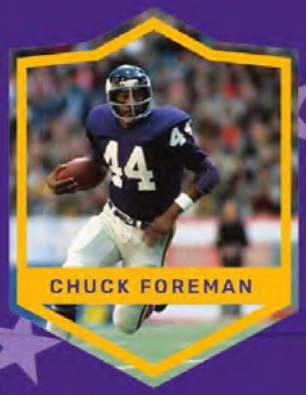

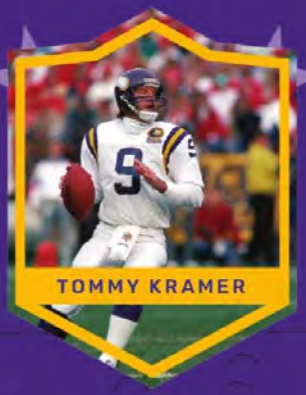

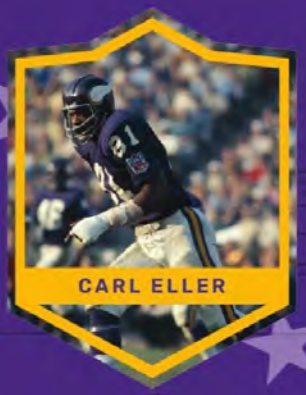

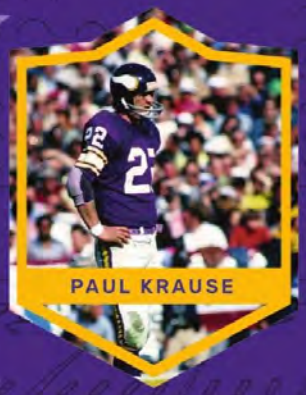

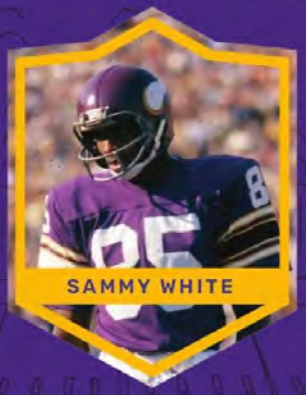

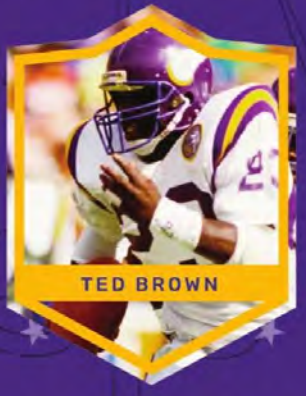

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As happy as the Minnesota Timberwolves are to see progress and growth in the regular season, they are ready to make noise in the postseason.

By Darryl Howerton

When you line up all the variables, there are many reasons to be excited about the Minnesota Timberwolves' 2023-24 season.

- Few teams have greater upside than the franchise that went 42-40 and made the NBA Playoffs despite its two-time All-NBA star Karl Anthony-Towns missing 53 games.
- Three-time Defensive Player of the Year Rudy Gobert, who was acquired in Summer 2022 from the Utah Jazz, now has a year under his belt and a comfort level that should see him return to six-time All-Defense status.
- Franchise cornerstone All-Star Anthony Edwards just turned 22 and has a world of upside ahead of him.

But quite frankly, none of this matters when all is said and done because the only thing that seems to matter to Minnesota's front office, coaches and players alike is how far this team goes in the postseason.

That's right.

Your schedule may say the Timberwolves' campaign begins in October, but the people who wear Timberwolves on their chest say their true season of judgment begins in April 2024 during the NBA Playoffs.

"We've got to win a playoff series," says Timberwolves second-year President of Basketball Operations Tim Connelly. "It has been way too long since we've had success in the postseason."

Twenty years too long, in fact, since the Timberwolves advanced past the first round when they reached the 2004 Western Conference Finals.

Add to that, only three postseason appearances since those West Finals, and you understand the perspective Connelly is speaking from.

"That's certainly our goal is to advance in the playoffs," says third-year Minnesota Head Coach Chris Finch. "We've been there twice now. Getting there is the first step. Obviously, being able to navigate through the playoffs is something we feel we should be able to do if we're able to build the right habits through the rest of the season."

That is where the Timberwolves currently stand when it comes to projections of optimism and upside and improvement.

That's nice and all. But this rebuilt organization will not be truly happy until they see historical progress being made from a franchise not known for championship contention.

"Let's be honest," says Connelly, who was the general manager responsible for building the 2023 NBA champion Denver Nuggets architecture before he took the Minnesota president job in May 2022. "We have to have success in the postseason for us to be taken seriously."

The gauntlet has been tossed and the stakes are indeed high for a franchise looking to rekindle that 58-win Kevin Garnett/Sam Cassell/Latrell Sprewell postseason magic from two decades ago.

And if any team is up for the challenge, it is these Anthony Edwards/Karl Anthony-Towns/Rudy Gobert Timberwolves of a new era.

"I just want to win, man," says Edwards, fresh off a World Cup summer run as the leading scorer on USA Basketball. "I want all my Minnesota teammates to be the best at whatever they want to be.

"Jaden McDaniels and Rudy need to become Defensive Players of the Year. Me and KAT need to become the best players in the League. It's a competition within ourselves to get everyone playing hard. That's the main thing we're trying to get to. After all, we're only going to go as far as KAT, Rudy and Jaden take us."

Edwards sees fellow wing McDaniels as key to unlocking this team's true potential, saying, "Jaden is the most important player on this team because he has the most potential. I think the world knows we can't be the Minnesota Timberwolves without Jaden McDaniel."

Finch says a second year of chemistry with this nucleus should work wonders on the court, prospects Edwards and 23-year-old McDaniels blending in with perennial All-Stars Towns and Gobert, along with 36-year-old milestone collector Mike Conley, not to mention supersubs Kyle Anderson, Naz Reid, Shake Milton, Nickeil Alexander-Walker, Jordan McLaughlin and Troy Brown Jr.

"We just need to find an identity this season," says Finch. "We were a bit of a chameleon last year, with the new acquisitions and injuries. We survived the season and whatever was thrown our way. But we need to get better with chemistry, and a lot of that will come the more Karl and Rudy get to play together. We need to recapture the chemistry that Ant and KAT had two years ago.

"Our two-man game is not as prevalent as it needs to be or should be. We need to reestablish that because that is the key to start the season."

Towns and Gobert could not agree more and are hoping their on-the-fly postseason play together–after missing months together during the regular season–is an indication that the best is yet to come.

"I'm already in a much better place, being healthier than I was a year ago," says Towns, who is arguably the greatest shooting big man ever, with a career .623 true shooting percentage and .395 three-point shooting percentage.

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WORLDWIDE WOLVES

No team got more out of the World Cup experience this summer than the Minnesota Timberwolves, who had Anthony Edwards and Karl-Anthony Towns leading their USA and Dominican Republic teams in scoring, while Rudy Gobert and Nickeil Alexander-Walker anchoring the defenses for both France and Canada.

Better still, each Timberwolf came away with overall positive experiences, whether their teams medaled or not.

"It was refreshing playing in that environment," says Towns, who averaged a team-high 24 points with the Dominican Republic and also got to rekindle his friendship with boxing great Manny Paquiao in Manila of the Philippines. "We played meaningful basketball in the World Cup and it helped get my body right and in shape.

"Basketball-wise, I was able to find more ways to be effective offensively. I took my World Cup experience and I am going to utilize it with this team."

Edwards also saw the opportunity as both educational and physically enhancing as well.

"I just like to be around basketball," says Edwards, who averaged a team-high 19 points and 5 rebounds for USA Basketball. "I like to compete throughout the summer, not just play to get in shape. Just be in shape that way coming into the season."

After a taxing 2022-23 season, the 31-year-old Gobert wanted to make sure his body was right before he committed to playing for Team France in the World Cup this summer.

"But at the end of June, I was feeling amazing," says Gobert. "I was feeling the best I've ever felt, 100-percent healthy. I really thought it was going to be a good opportunity for me to keep getting better and be there for my teammates. So I went. And today I'm really happy that I did."

For Minnesota, the World Cup was nothing but positivity, especially considering nobody came back with bumps and bruises.

But the Timberwolf who may have most impressed the team's president of basketball operations was none other than a reserve who had only been in Minnesota for three months.

"You know who had a great summer that has not been talked about enough? Nickeil for Team Canada," says Tim Connelly, of Alexander-Walker's experience on the bronze-medal-winning team. "He has played for four or five NBA coaches, has been traded twice–came over in the Mike Conley trade–and he was worried about finding a role here. I thought Nickeil was fantastic in the postseason, fantastic late in the season and he is another guy who has all-league defensive potential."

"I just want to win, man. I want all my Minnesota teammates to be the best at whatever they want to be." ***–Anthony Edwards***

"We all just need to trust each other more this season and let the game come to us. All three of us–Ant, Rudy and myself. Let the defense dictate who takes the shot, not forcing anything and just being smart with the basketball."

The 7-1 center Gobert agrees, adding, "It's always a work in progress. Last year, KAT missed a lot of games, which is why I was grateful that we finally got to play together in the playoffs."

It was liberating for these Timberwolves, in a sense, to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder in the play-in tournament and advance to the 2023 NBA Playoffs where they were able to pull off one victory in five games to the ultimate NBA champion Denver Nuggets.

"We learned a lot together every day last year, and we kept improving every day," says Gobert, who averaged 13 points and 12 rebounds in 70 games. "We made each other better every day.

"I knew KAT was a great player after playing against him all these years, but I did not realize what a great passer he was until I got here."

Edwards is just as important in this dynamic–his chemistry with both Gobert as a pick-and-roll option and Towns as a fellow go-to scorer.

Remember, Towns was the team's All-NBA scoring leader when he was healthy, with the young duo scoring 25 and 21 points in 2021-22, but young Edwards took over the go-to role in 2022-23 when Towns missed 53 games, with the 6-4 shooting guard scoring 25 points per game and the 6-11 power forward averaging 21 this time around.

"I learned about Rudy just playing with him in the pocket," says Edwards. "He gained my trust after a couple times. He said, 'Just trust me.' I started hitting him and he started making the right plays so now I got to get the connection with pick-and-rolls, throwing the lobs to him and after that I think we're just going to take off.

"As for KAT offensively, I like big KAT superstar. We just got a glimpse of what KAT and Rudy can do together. I think this year KAT will be a monster. He is going to be one of the best players in the league. He is going to take a lot of pressure off me. So yeah, I'm going to put a lot of pressure on him."

Defensively, these Timberwolves also see massive improvement ahead, with Edwards championing his larger-than-life teammates.

With a top 10 defensive efficiency already under their belt, this 2023-24 Minnesota team has its sight set on becoming the No. 1 D in the NBA.

"Because we're big, man," says Edwards. "Jaden is 6-10, KAT is seven-foot, Rudy is seven-foot. It's hard to get to the rim. You're going to have to shoot the ball really well from the three-point line to beat us.

"And I take pride in myself guarding my man. Jaden does also. Rudy doesn't want to get scored on. Defensively, we should stand out because Rudy is good."

A key component to this starting five is 36-year-old point guard Conley, who logged 24 games as a Timberwolf starter after being acquired in the D'Angelo Russell three-team trade with the Jazz and L.A. Lakers in February 2023.

"Mike had such a calming influence on our team last season," says Connelly. "He's so positive, and on top of that, he's a really good player. In unison, all three of those characteristics make him a special addition to our team. We're lucky to have him."

Finch knows better than anyone that the Timberwolves have their work cut out for them.

With Conley, Edwards, McDaniels, Towns and Gobert only playing nine games together in 2022-23, the Timberwolves head coach realizes this is a young veteran team barely taking form itself.

What bolsters Finch's confidence furthermore, however, is that he believes in his players coming off the bench.

"We have the depth to be able to have a really solid second unit with its own identity," says Finch. "What that looks like right now, I'm not 100 percent sure. I could see Kyle being key to that, being able to play a multitude of roles. KAT being key to that as he moves from being the starting 4 to the backup 5. How we fill out around that, we'll figure that out over the next couple months."

As Gobert says, it is still a work in progress, but as team prez Connelly says, he has seen enough to push expectations forward.

"We found a bit of an identity last year, where our size was a real good indicator of our success," says Connelly. "We're bringing back the entire rotation. We love our core players. We love our coaching staff. I am just keeping my fingers crossed that the optimism is well placed."

35 FOR 35

35 YEARS OF MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES HISTORY

NBA's Timberwolves choose logo design

By Staff Writer
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Mark Thompson submitted seven entries in the Minnesota Timberwolves' logo contest, claiming the chances of winning were pretty good. That thinking changed when he heard that 2,000 entries had been received in the future NBA franchise.

Thompson, however, then received a phone call from Timberwolves president Bob Stein.

"It's cool I was one of the finalists when still were in the running," Thompson said. "I visited two weeks before I got number call Monday and he said I won. That was the good news. The bad news was that they told me I couldn't tell anybody."

Thompson, who won $1,500, was set awhile Thursday as the Timberwolves unveiled their official logo at a press conference. His winning design, using the previously selected team colors, is a stylized wolf head resting within royal blue and kelly green rings. It has a metallic silver background in the shape of a basketball.

"It's fits it was unique because you can see the wolf and the basketball," Stein said. "It's clearly designed to where we can use it on small things like T-shirts or golf shirts or the walls of a building or a billboard."

Thompson, 23, a native of Austin, Minn., now lives in Clear Lake, Iowa, where he works a graphic design business. He said he spent

JANUARY 23
1987

In preparation for a potential NBA expansion team, Minnesota holds a "Name the Team" contest to come up with a nickname. It came down to two and "Timberwolves" beat out the "Polars" in a city council vote. Minnesota is one of few states with free roaming packs of timber wolves.

JUNE 27
1989

With the franchise's first draft pick, the Timberwolves select UCLA standout Pooh Richardson with the 10th selection.

NOVEMBER 8
1989

The Timberwolves played the franchise's first ever home game at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome against the Chicago Bulls. Michael Jordan scored 45 points for the Bulls as Chicago won 96-84.

APRIL 23
1987

Minneapolis, along with Orlando, Charlotte and Miami, is granted one of the NBA's four new expansion teams. It marked the NBA's return to the Twin Cities after the Minneapolis Lakers left for Los Angeles in 1960.

NOVEMBER 3
1989

The Minnesota Timberwolves make their NBA debut in Seattle. The Supersonics bested the Timberwolves by a final score of 106-94.

NOVEMBER 10
1989

The Timberwolves beat the Philadelphia 76ers in overtime by a final score of 125-118, resulting in both the Timberwolves first victory along with their first win at home.

DISTILLED INTO 35 OF THE GREATEST MOMENTS

APRIL 17
1990

In their final home game of the franchise's inaugural season in 1989-90, the Timberwolves totaled a crowd of 49,551 fans at the Metrodome, which remains the fourth-most attended game in NBA history.
In their first year of existence, the Timberwolves set the NBA's single-season attendance record as more than 1 million fans attended home games at the Metrodome that season.

FEBRUARY 13
1994

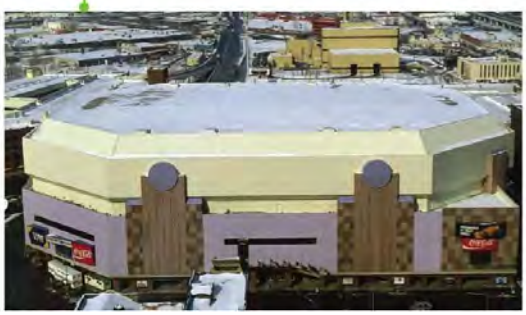
The Target Center and Timberwolves host their first NBA All-Star. Minnesota's Isaiah Rider wowed the home crowd with the "East Bay Funk" dunk, winning the NBA Slam Dunk crown that night.

JUNE 28
1995

In the 1995 NBA Draft, the Timberwolves selected high school standout Kevin Garnett with the fifth overall pick.

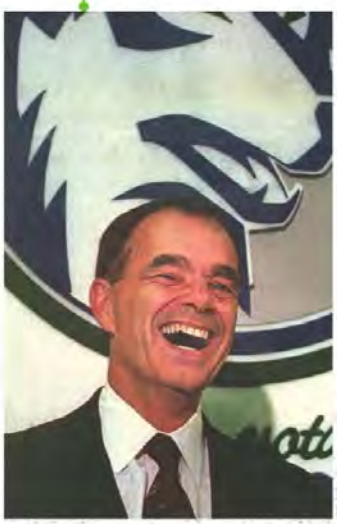
OCTOBER
1990

The newly built Target Center, located in downtown Minneapolis, officially open its doors to the Timberwolves for the start of the franchise's second season.



SEPTEMBER
1994

Former Minnesota senator Glen Taylor officially purchases the Timberwolves and Minnesota native and Hall of Famer Kevin McHale is hired as general manager of the Timberwolves.



DECEMBER 18
1995

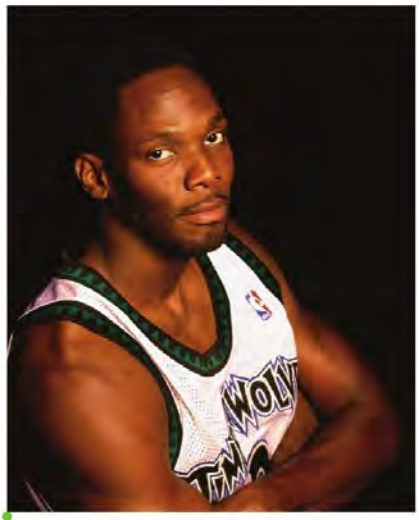
Timberwolves name Flip Saunders as the team's head coach.

JUNE 26
1996

The Timberwolves traded Ray Allen, their fifth selection in the 1996 NBA Draft, in exchange for Stephon Marbury, the fourth selection by the Milwaukee Bucks.

APRIL 26
1998

After posting their first winning season of 45-37 and making the postseason for the second consecutive time, Minnesota defeated the Seattle SuperSonics in Game 2 of the first round of the 1998 NBA Playoffs by a score of 98-93, resulting in the franchise's first ever playoff victory.



NOVEMBER 4
2000

The Timberwolves officially raise Malik Sealy's #2 jersey to the rafters at Target Center. Sealy, was tragically killed in an automobile accident on May 20, 2000.

1996-97

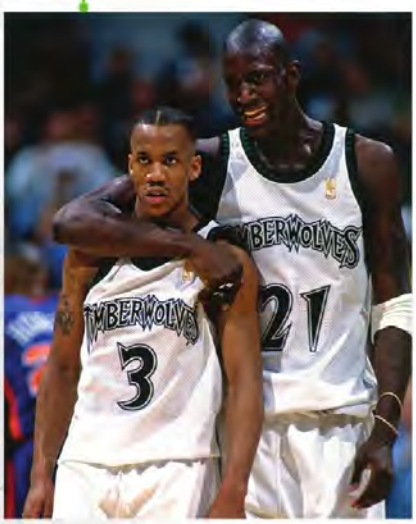
The Timberwolves, led by Garnett and Marbury, made the franchise's first ever trip to the NBA playoffs after a 40-42 season. Minnesota was swept by the Houston Rockets in the opening round, but the playoff appearance was seen as a valuable first step for the young Timberwolves team and franchise.

1999-00

Minnesota posted its first 50-win regular season in 1999-00, earning them its fourth consecutive trip to the playoffs.

FEBRUARY 9
2003

After a 37-point night along with nine rebounds and five steals, Kevin Garnett became the first and only Timberwolves player to win Most Valuable Player of the NBA's All-Star game.



MAY 3
2004

After posting career highs in points, rebounds, assists and blocks, Kevin Garnett was awarded the 2003-04 NBA Most Valuable Player Award. Garnett was the first and is still the only Timberwolves player to win the award.

Garnett led the Timberwolves to its best-ever regular season with a 58-24 record and past the first round in the 2004 NBA Playoffs, going all the way to the Western Conference Finals before falling to the Los Angeles Lakers in six games. It still stands as the deepest playoff run in team history.

JULY 31
2007

After 12 years with the franchise that drafted him, the Timberwolves traded Kevin Garnett to the Boston Celtics. Minnesota in return was given a package of five players, including Al Jefferson and Gerald Green, two first-round draft picks and cash considerations. This marks the largest ever packaged combination of players and picks in exchange for a single player in League history.

NOVEMBER 12
2010

In a regular season loss to the Knicks, Kevin Love became the league's first player since 1982 to record a 30 point-30 rebound performance, as Love posted a historic 31 points along with 31 rebounds in the game.

MAY 21
2004

Timberwolves advance to their first and only ever trip to the Western Conference finals.

JUNE 26
2008

The Timberwolves trade for recently drafted standout Kevin Love, the fifth overall selection of the 2008 NBA Draft by the Memphis Grizzlies.

MARCH 11
2011

Kevin Love's streak of double-doubles ends after 53 consecutive games. It is the NBA's longest streak since 1973-74. Averaging 21.8 points and 16.3 rebounds per game that season, Love earned his first career All-Star selection.

AUGUST 23
2014

The Timberwolves trade Kevin Love to the Cleveland Cavaliers in exchange for Andrew Wiggins, Anthony Bennett and Thaddeus Young. Wiggins was the No. 1 pick in the 2014 NBA Draft and Bennett was the top pick in 2013.

APRIL 30
2015

Andrew Wiggins was named the franchise's first NBA Rookie of the Year Award recipient.

FEBRUARY 13
2016

LaVine defends his Slam Dunk crown in a legendary duel against Orlando's Aaron Gordon. The two traded 50s in the final round, necessitating two extra dunks to determine the winner, before LaVine threw down a showstopping between-the-legs dunk that started a foot inside the free-throw line. The contest is still widely considered the greatest showdown between two dunkers.

FEBRUARY 15
2015

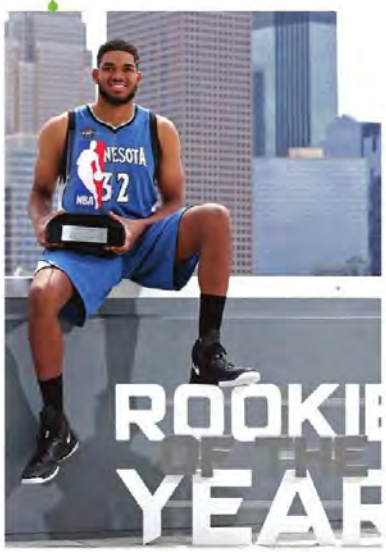
Zach LaVine becomes the second-youngest player at 19 to win the All-Star Slam Dunk Contest (Kobe Bryant won in 1998 as an 18-year-old). LaVine delivered a perfect first round with a pair of 50-point dunks en route to the title.

JUNE 25
2015

With the first overall selection in the 2015 NBA Draft, the Timberwolves selected Karl-Anthony Towns.

MAY 16
2016

Karl-Anthony Towns is awarded the NBA Rookie of the Year in a unanimous vote after averaging 18.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in his first season.



FEBRUARY 15
2018

The Timberwolves retire "FLIP" in honor of longtime head coach and front office executive Flip Saunders who died from Hodgkin's lymphoma on October 25, 2015. Saunders is still the franchise's winningest head coach with 427 victories.

FEBRUARY 19
2022

Karl-Anthony Towns becomes first true center to win the Mountain Dew 3-point contest at NBA All-Star weekend. Towns is just the second Timberwolves player in history to win the 3-point contest and the tallest player to do so since Dirk Nowitzki in 2006.

FEBRUARY 10
2023

Anthony Edwards named an NBA All-Star for the first time in his career, becoming the eighth Timberwolves player in history to be named an All-Star.

NOVEMBER 28
2020

The Timberwolves select Anthony Edwards with the first overall selection of the 2020 NBA Draft.

MARCH 14
2022

Towns notches the highest scoring game in Timberwolves history, putting up 60 points in a win against the San Antonio Spurs. This bested Town's previous franchise mark of 56 points.

APRIL 14
2023

After defeating Oklahoma City in the 2023 AT&T Play-In Tournament, the Timberwolves clinch a spot in the NBA playoffs, marking the first time Minnesota has clinched back-to-back playoff appearances since the string of eight consecutive years from 1997-2004.

Lake Vibes

Meet the All-New City Edition Uniforms

Celebrating lake life in Minnesota, this season's City Edition Uniform is inspired by the summertime fun that can only be found in the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

The Color Scheme
Lake Blue from our Association and Icon uniforms floods the entire jersey.

The Pattern
The custom crafted artistic pattern features a vivid lake water texture that was handmade in Bloomington, MN.

The Wordmark & Aura Patch
Minnesota is boldly displayed in crisp white. The Timberwolves are proud to feature Aura as the team's jersey patch partner.

The Waistband Logo
The state of Minnesota is decked out in Lake Blue silicone for a tone-on-tone look.

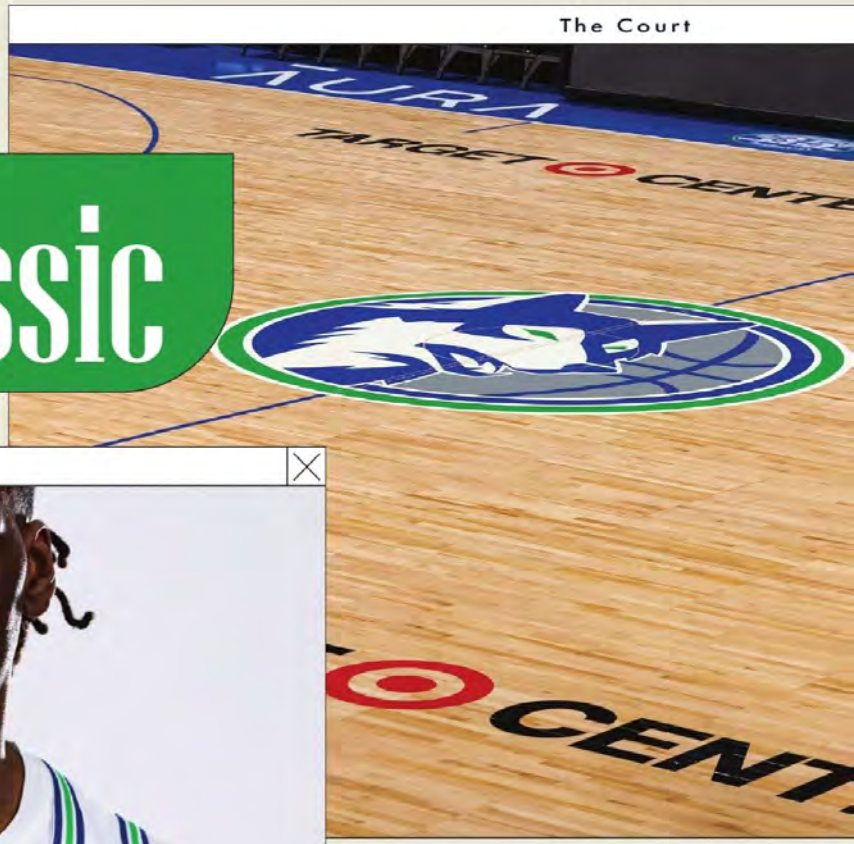
The Short Logo
Our primary Timberwolves logo is drenched in the custom artistic pattern and has Lake Blue hues flowing through it.

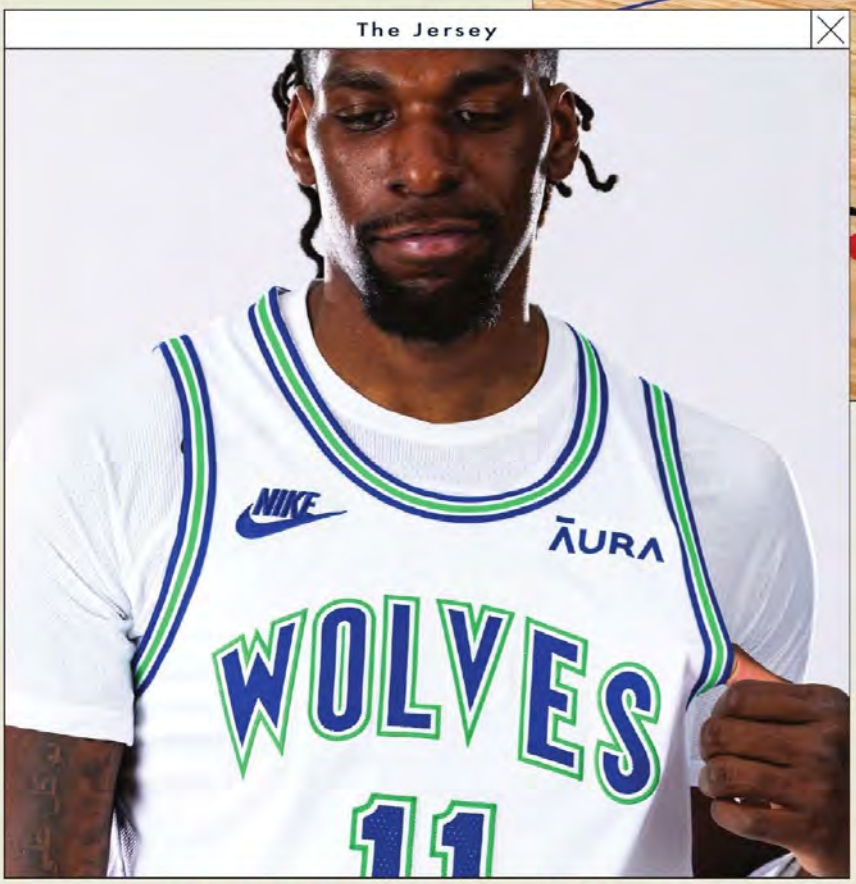
The Taping
We rep the Land of 10,000 Lakes through a luxe debossed texture that adds dimension to the side of the uniform.

The Anthem
"Land of 10,000 Lakes" is screen printed in white and flanked by our North Stars.

scan the qr code to shop the 2023-24 city edition uniforms or visit shop.timberwolves.com

Going Classic





THE CLASSIC EDITION UNIFORMS ARE BACK FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

In honor of the 35th anniversary of the Timberwolves inception in the NBA, the team has officially released their Classic Edition uniforms, court and 35th anniversary logo design to acknowledge the franchise's illustrious history in the Twin Cities.

Designed to look similar to the team's original uniforms worn from 1989-1996, the Classic Edition uniforms provide a glimpse of the team's origins, featuring the classic Old Shep green and blue color scheme to go along with the original font used on the front and backs.

The cherished Old Shep original logo will grace the Target Center as the court will also feature the 35th anniversary design when the Timberwolves suit up in the Classic Edition uniforms for home games this season. The original Target Center logo will also be displayed on the court to celebrate the franchise's storied beginnings in Minneapolis.

The Short Logo

The Court

The Uniform

The Jersey

The Baseline Logo

The Classic Edition uniform will be worn for various games throughout this season, fans can visit **timberwolves.com/classic** to view the schedule of 35th anniversary themed games at the Target Center. The anniversary logo will be highlighted into merchandise and various other creative elements this season. Fans can shop the Classic Edition uniforms and 35th Anniversary design at **shop.timberwolves.com** or by scanning the QR code.

ARENA

TARGET CENTER

Located in the heart of downtown Minneapolis' vibrant sports and entertainment district, Target Center is proud home to the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves, and four-time WNBA world champion Minnesota Lynx. Over 1 million guests visit the arena every year - making Target Center one of the top arenas in the world.

Target Center recently completed a MAJOR renovation - transforming the venue into a state-of-the art arena. Totaling $145 Million, the project encompassed infrastructural improvements, guest experience enhancements and aesthetic changes on all levels of the arena.

COMMUNITY

PACK GIVES BACK

Pack Gives Back is the community impact platform for the Minnesota Timberwolves, Lynx, T-Wolves Gaming, and Iowa Wolves. The platform encompasses all the franchises' efforts surrounding social and community impact inclusive of the organization's employees, partners, players, and the Fastbreak Foundation. Pack Gives Back initiatives will support its communities 365 days a year with the crossover of NBA, WNBA, NBA2K League and G-League seasons.

THE FASTBREAK FOUNDATION

The Fastbreak Foundation is the official charity for the Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Lynx, Iowa Wolves, and T-Wolves Gaming. The Fastbreak Foundation's signature grant program is the Starting Five Grants which provides nonprofit organizations with multi-year grants and program opportunities. In Fall of 2023, we announced a new cohort of Starting Five grantees.

- A Mothers Love Initiative
- Playworks MN
- Special Olympics MN
- Twin Cities Pride
- YouthLink

PackGives Back Tickets: The Pack Gives Back Community Ticket program provides complimentary tickets to youth-serving 501(c)(3) organizations throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. To learn more visit, www.timberwolves.com/community

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS: The Timberwolves & Lynx have launched six Employee Resource Groups (ERG). Employee Resource Groups are created by and for employees with the goal of cultivating inclusion and a healthy work environment. Our current ERG groups are WISC (Women's group), UNIDOS (Hispanic/Latin X), Powered By Pride (LGBTQ+), Black Elevation Alliance (Black Employee Group), ASPIRE (AAPI), and Pack Parents.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CAMPS: Established in partnership with Pentair, each Training Camp includes a 90-minute session designed to educate 100 BIPOC students with actionable insights and relevant information from established professionals from Pentair and the Timberwolves and Lynx. Sessions are intended to provide a source of inspiration, aspiration, and empowerment by allowing youth and young adults to see and hear from people that look like them, and that have navigated similar experiences as they have, or will need to navigate in the future.

Community Conversations: Every month we host an internal community conversation for all Timberwolves & Lynx employees to engage and learn about different topics that help them expand their minds and create a more equitable lens. Topics have range from supporting black businesses, elevating the LGBTQ+ community, to closing the racial wealth gap.

DEI Champion Suite Nights: Throughout the season we will host a variety of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion leaders from across the Twin Cities to connect and fellowship at Timberwolves games. These suite nights allow leaders alike to come together and share best practices on how to make our communities more inclusive for all.

NBA FOUNDATION: The NBA Foundation mission is to drive economic opportunity in the Black community through employment and career development by funding programs that generate successful transitions from school to meaningful employment for Black youth. The NBA Foundation collaborates with all 30 teams, their affiliated charitable organizations, and the NBPA to support national and local organizations. Since the inception, the NBA Foundation has invested a total of $3.6 million to 8 organizations based in Minnesota. To learn more visit www.nbafoundation.com.

PACK THE VOTE: Pack the Vote is our Pack's commitment to provide nonpartisan voter education and increase voter registration by supplying voter resources and inspiring civic engagement in our community and across the country. We aim to encourage our fans here in the Twin Cities and across the United States to join the Pack, educate themselves on voter facts and let their voices be heard at the polls.

PROGRAMS

EDUCATION

We are committed to promoting the value of education, investing in youth educational programs, and supporting the dedicated work of non-profits and schools across the state of MN.

READ TO ACHIEVE: The Minnesota Timberwolves are committed to helping young people develop a life-long love of reading. For six weeks during the Fall, elementary students are challenged to read at least 500 minutes. All students who complete the program receive a Timberwolves Prize Pack and the top reader from each grade will be honored with a Read to Achieve trophy. Last season, over 26,000 students registered to compete in this challenge!

EDUCATION STATION: The Minnesota Timberwolves and the Fastbreak Foundation is proud to foster the love of reading with Minnesota youth through a traveling library. The Education Station powered by Xcel Energy travels to different non-profit organizations and schools offering youth the chance to pick out their very own book and learn about the importance of literacy.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

We are committed to raising awareness and supporting the physical, mental, and social well-being of our community.

OUR COURTS. OUR FUTURE.: Over the past six summers the Timberwolves & Lynx have worked alongside U.S Bank to renovate courts across the state of Minnesota.. In 2023, the Timberwolves and Lynx renovated one indoor court at Hospitality House in North Minneapolis.

WOLVES DREAM TEAM: Each season the Timberwolves will sign 15 youth to be honorary members of the Wolves Dream Team presented by UnitedHealthcare. In partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters, each Wolves Dream Team member will have the opportunity to participate in events throughout the season including a press conference and player for a day event with the entire Timberwolves team.

NBA CARES

NBA Cares is the league's global social responsibility program that builds on the NBA's mission of addressing important social issues around the world. NBA Cares programs and participants have provided more than 6.5 million hours of hands-on service, created more than 2,200 places where kids and families can live, learn or play in communities around the world, and engaged more than 60 million youth in basketball programs. Internationally, NBA Cares has created more than 375 places where kids and families can live, learn or play in 40 countries and territories. NBA Cares works with nationally and internationally recognized youth-serving programs that support education, youth and family development, and health-related causes.

For more information on the community programs, please visit timberwolves.com/community.

TIMBERWOLVES DANCERS

THE OFFICIAL DANCE TEAM OF THE MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES

We are creative, authentic, and brave. We are ambassadors to the state of Minnesota. We come from dance communities far and wide, dancing as one. We are strong-willed, relentless and powerful dancers. We are role models to our youth. We perform with the vibrant spirit of the North. We are Timberwolves Dancers.

MASCOT

CRUNCH

CRUNCH NOTES

HEIGHT: **6' (GROUND TO THE TIP OF EARS)**
WEIGHT: **SEASONAL**
VERTICAL JUMP: **15' (WITH TRAMPOLINE)**

FAVORITES

MOVIE: **"HOMEWARD BOUND: THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY"**
BOOK: **"THE TRUE STORY OF THE 3 LITTLE PIGS!"**
TYPE OF MUSIC: **TECHNO HOWL**
DUNK: **THE INSIDE-OUT FLYING DUTCHMAN WITH A TWIST**
PRE-GAME MEAL: **BACON-WRAPPED BACON**

CRUNCH, the Minnesota Timberwolves MEGA-WOLF, is the pulse of entertainment during games at Target Center. His witty sense of humor and amusing antics energize the crowd and keeps fans on their toes at every game. From his over-the top stunts to his high-flying dunks, there is no doubt that CRUNCH is the Leader of the Pack.

Connect with CRUNCH via social media:
@WolvesCrunch on Twitter, Instagram & TikTok
Facebook.com/TimberwolvesCrunch

CRUNCH makes appearances throughout Minnesota's communities and is available upon request. For pricing and availability, please email crunch@timberwolves.com or call 612.673.8370

IN-GAME ENTERTAINMENT

ACTION PACK

The Action Pack are the alpha dogs of our arena, leading the charge on all of our promotional activities, including t-shirt tosses, parachute drops, dance cameras, prize giveaways and much more. This high octane crew interacts with our fans every game as they enter and leave our arena, helping create a fun and exciting atmosphere at Target Center for all of our fans.

GAME NIGHT SOUNDS

Jon- A St. Paul, MN native and life-long Minnesota Timberwolves fan, Jon is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Jon became a season ticket member in the 2009-2010 season and joined the Timberwolves organization in the 2014-15 season. His ultimate goal is to host at the NBA Finals at Target Center.

When he is not hosting on game nights Jon enjoys binge watching his favorite TV shows and movies, eating blue corn tortilla chips, playing with his kids and traveling whenever possible, but always loves coming back home to the Twin Cities.

DJ Mad Mardigan- DJ Mad Mardigan is a legend in the music scene. Known for his jaw-dropping turntable skills, Mardigan's roots originate from competing in local & regional DJ battles. It was there where he learned how to mix and scratch music from any genre into one cohesive open-format turntablist performance.

Since those early days, he has taken the industry by storm. DJ Mad Mardigan has been rocking The Target Center as the Official DJ of the Minnesota Timberwolves & Lynx since 2007. His resume speaks for itself: Mardigan is a 3x NBA All-Star DJ, 4x WNBA World Championship DJ, performed for 112,000 people at The Red Bull Crashed Ice World Championships 2x , DJ'd at The Ryder Cup Finals, MLB All-Star Game, DJ for Life Time Fitness, and has DJ'd at numerous home games for every pro sports team in town, Super Bowl 52, and the 2019 NCAA Final Four.

DJMM has shared the stage with and/or opened for the likes of Dave Chappelle, The Weeknd, Montell Jordan, Prof, Tag Team, Iggy Azalea, DJ Q-Bert, Mix Master Mike (Beastie Boys), Nipsey Hussle, Rob Base, Brother Ali, Walk The Moon, Aloe Blacc, Fitz & The Tantrums, Idina Menzel, and more.

When he's not dropping beats at the Target Center, he splits his time between performing at a variety of different events, and operating his DJ Company - GenerationNOW Entertainment (The Official DJ Company of The Timberwolves & Lynx). Throughout the year you can find him spinning at the hottest nightclubs including The Exchange & The Pourhouse, performing at Broadway VIP Cast Parties as the Official DJ of Hennepin Theatre Trust, spinning live on WCCO-TV, DJing at a high-end private weddings & fundraising galas, and teaching DJ classes at his son's elementary school.

Mad Mardigan is a true staple in the world of professional DJing. For over 2 decades, he has entertained millions of people with his brand of turntablism and open-format party-rocking. He is an integral part of the entertainment and energy inside the Target Center for The Timberwolves and Lynx.

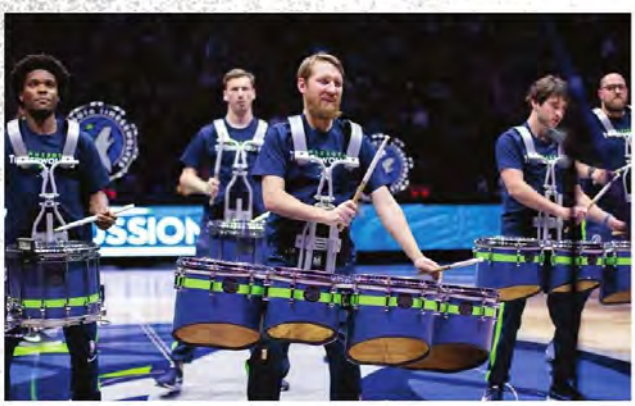
DJ Thrillz- Tim Miller has been the Wolves Music Director since the 2003-2004 season. His responsibilities include playing in game audio during home games to entertain the fans with his music selection, instrumental beats and playful sound bites. He works hand in hand with organist Jeff Victor and DJ Mad Mardigan to bring you the best musical experience inside Target Center. Tim has had the privilege to represent the Timberwolves organization at the NBA Global games in Rio De Janeiro, Berlin, Istanbul and Mexico City. He has also taken on the role as the Music Director for NBA All Star games during the Saturday night festivities (skills, 3-point challenge and dunk contest) from 2016-2018.

In the off season Tim is the Music Director for the Minnesota Twins and is the V.P. of Marketing & Events for GenerationNOW Entertainment – Official DJ company for the Wolves and Lynx.

Jeff Victor- Jeff Victor is an accomplished musician and composer as the NBA house organist for the Timberwolves. He's recorded and toured internationally with such diverse artists as Soul Asylum, Peter Himmelman, Andrew WK, John Gorka, The Honeydogs, and Nick Jonas, and has performed nationally on Saturday Night Live, The Tonight Show, and the Late Show with David Letterman. As a composer and producer, he sold 1.5 million units for Target's Lifescapes music series. His work in commercial advertising earned him both an Emmy and Clio award, and has been featured in national campaigns for Anheuser Busch, BMW, Lexus, The Gap, Old Navy, Holiday Inn and many others. He is also a guest organist for the Minnesota Twins.

Jeff resides in Minneapolis with his wife and two girls, and their dog Minnie.

Jedidiah- Jedidiah Jones is the Public Address Announcer since the start of the 2022-2023 season. Jones, a native of Minneapolis, played basketball for and graduated from Minneapolis North. Jones joined the Timberwolves after spending time at KMOJ and Jazz 88.



PACKCUSSION

PACKcussion is unleashing the beats at Wolves games, one drum at a time. Our drum line amps up the home court advantage with rhythmic, dynamic performances all around the arena.

THE PUPS

With their funky dance moves and attitude, The Pups are a crowd favorite at Wolves games. This co-ed junior hip-hop squad made up of kids ages 7-13 is our youngest performance troupe entertaining the fans at select games throughout the season.

SENIOR DANCERS

Nowhere else can you catch the grandmas and grandpas of Minneapolis cut a rug! The Timberwolves Senior Dancers bring groove, funk, swag and style to the court with every performance.

SLAM SQUAD

Look! Up in the Sky! It's the Timberwolves Slam Squad! The highest fliers in the NBA! Led by Crunch, the Slam Squad performs at Target Center year-round, but their acrobatics aren't limited to our court. The Squad travels all over the state, and has even represented the Wolves internationally at the NBA's Global Games.

1ST AVENUE BREAKERS

The 1st Avenue Breakers deliver the hottest underground break dancing styles to Target Center with every routine. Our ultimate high-octane ensemble, the Breakers defy gravity on the court with every last head spin they perform.

612 CREW

The 612 Crew brings all high-energy dance styles of popping, locking, gliding, krumping and waving into one pulse-pounding performance.

2023-24 SCHEDULE

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OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 6:30 TOR	26	27	28 7:00 MIA
29	30 6:30 ATL	31				

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 DEN	2	3	4 7:00 UTA
5	6 7:00 BOS	7	8 7:00 NOP	9	10 7:00 SAS	11
12 7:30 GSW	13	14 9:00 GSW	15 8:00 PHX	16	17	18 6:00 NOP
19	20 7:00 NYK	21	22 7:00 PHI	23	24 7:00 SAC	25
26 5:00 MEM	27	28 7:00 OKC	29	30 7:00 UTA		

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 4:00 CHA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 7:00 NOP	12	13	14 7:30 DAL	15	16 7:00 IND
17	18 6:30 MIA	19	20 6:00 PHI	21 8:00 LAL	22	23 9:00 SAC
24	25	26 7:00 OKC	27	28 7:00 DAL	29	30 7:00 LAL
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JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 2:00 NYK	2	3 7:00 NOP	4	5 7:00 HOU	6
7 6:30 DAL	8	9 6:00 ORL	10 6:00 BOS	11	12 7:00 POR	13
14 6:00 LAC	15	16	17 6:00 DET	18 9:00 MEM	19	20 7:00 OKC
21	22 7:00 CHA	23	24 6:00 WAS	25 6:30 BKN	26	27 7:30 SAS
28	29 7:00 OKC	30	31 7:00 DAL			

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 7:00 ORL	3
4 6:00 HOU	5	6 7:00 CHI	7	8 7:00 MIL	9	10
11	12 9:30 LAC	13 9:00 POR	14	15 9:00 POR	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 7:00 MIL	24 7:00 BKN
25	26	27 6:30 SAS	28 6:30 MEM	29		

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7:00 SAC	2
3 2:30 LAC	4 7:00 POR	5	6	7 6:00 IND	8 6:30 CLE	9
10 8:30 LAL	11	12 9:00 LAC	13	14	15	16 8:30 UTA
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APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7:00 HOU	3 7:00 TOR	4	5 9:00 PHX	6
7 9:00 LAL	8	9 7:00 WAS	10 9:00 DEN	11	12 7:00 ATL	13
14 2:30 PHX	15	16	17	18	19	20

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